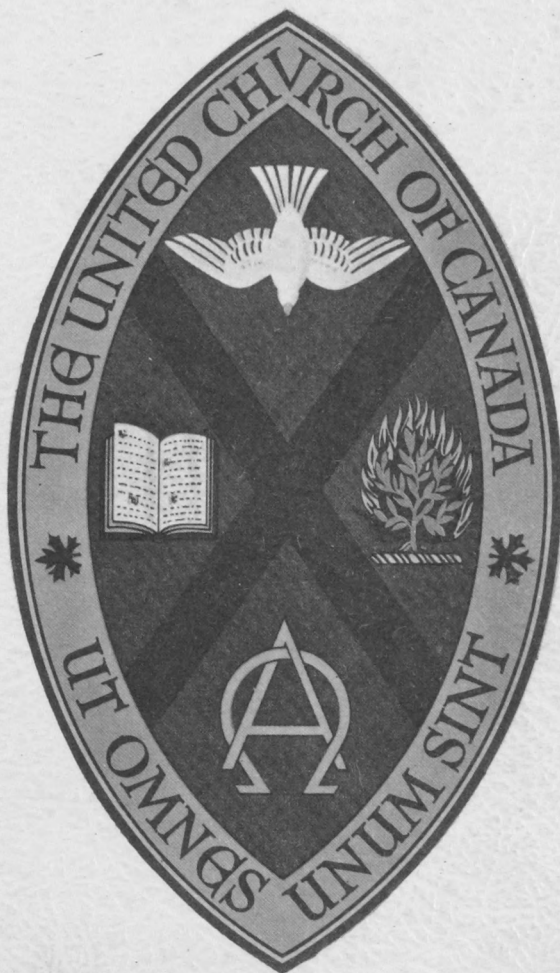


Qu'Appelle Charge United Church



1973 Directory

Qu'Appelle Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada

PREFACE:

To compile a history of the Qu'Appelle Pastoral Charge would have been impossible without the co-operation of its members and adherents. In particular I should like to thank Mrs. Horace Bray, Mr. Harold Bray, Mrs. Albert Matthews, Mrs. Bernice McPherson, those who compiled Edgeley's 70th Anniversary Booklet (Mr. B. Fessant, Mrs. Wm. Boxall), the historians for the 90th Anniversary of Edgeley (Mrs. K. Fessant, Mrs. H. Holliday, Mrs. B. McPherson), and all those who lent us their valued historical photographs. Thanks also goes to Dr. Tannahill, the Archivist for Saskatchewan Conference, and to you, the people of this Pastoral Charge, for your co-operation and patience while I worked on the present history. I hope that these pages will be a fitting tribute to those — clerical and lay — who began the work in this district, and gave us an example of faithfulness in the Lord's cause.

The present pastoral charge represents two Presbyterian pastoral charges (Knox and Avonhurst-Donamar), and one Methodist circuit, Qu'Appelle, which included Edgeley, and, at least from 1893, also included McLean-Bethel-Fairview. From 1906 to 1952, however, these last three congregations formed a separate pastoral charge or were aligned with Avonhurst-Donamar.

Qu'Appelle Circuit was started in 1882, with churches being built at Edgeley and Qu'Appelle in 1883. Gifford's (later called Starr's Point and then Bethel) had services from 1893 on; possibly McLean did too. Fairview Church, at Davin, was built in 1903, replacing an earlier structure, so quite likely the congregation here goes back also to the 19th century. Knox Presbyterian Church in Qu'Appelle was built in 1884, and the church records go back to 1885. Services at Avonhurst were first held in 1900 in a school which had been moved from Edgeley.

Edgeley and Qu'Appelle/Knox seem to have been the first congregations, with the McLean group next and Avonhurst-Donamar, with a church serving the two Reserves, last. We shall therefore follow this order in our present history.

The buildings and the organization of the Church have changed through the years; but we trust that in these later times we are being led by the same Spirit who guided those servants of God in an earlier time.

—Doreen Smith
Qu'Appelle
June 19, 1973



Rev. Doreen Smith

Ministers and Lay Supplies who have served these Churches

QU'APPELLE CIRCUIT (Methodist):

(Edgeley and Qu'Appelle; McLean, Gifford's and Fairview till 1905-06)	1894-96 — Rev. W. C. Bunt
1882 — Rev. Hewitt	1897-99 — Rev. A. Galley
a few services	1900-02 — Rev. James Hoskin
1883 — Rev. Wellington Bridgeman	1903-04 — Rev. James Smith
(organized fund-raising for church)	1905-07 — Rev. John Laycock
1883-84 — Rev. Thomas Lawson	1908-10 — Rev. W. H. Colter
the first regular minister	1911-12 — Rev. Charles H. Cross
1885-88 — Rev. Alfred Andrews	1913-14 — Rev. Herbert A. Fewster
1889-91 — Rev. John Tozelund	1915-19 — Rev. Frank Coop
1892-93 — Rev. E. T. Carter	1920-23 — Rev. George H. Dix
	1924-25 — Rev. Ernest C. Evans

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN:

1885-86 — Rev. D. Anderson	1895-1902 — Rev. S. W. Thompson
1886-87 — Rev. A. Hamilton	ordained Oct. 15, 1895
1887-89 — Rev. P. F. Langill	1902-04 — Mr. Hope F. M. Ross
1889-90 — vacant	1904-14 — Rev. W. B. Tate
1890-92 — Rev. John Ferry	1914-15 — vacant
1892-94 — Rev. Archibald Matheson	1915-19 — Rev. Samuel Lundie
1894-95 — Rev. John McAlister	1919-20 — Rev. D. McKeen Reid
	1920-25 — Rev. A. C. Reeves

QU'APPELLE PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:

1925-26 — Rev. Ernest C. Evans	1952 — Rev. Don Mayne
1926-27 — vacant	(ordained in June)
1927-28 — Rev. J. A. Reddon	1952-54 — Rev. Norman T. Quigley
1928-30 — Rev. A. W. Keeton	1954-57 — Mr. E. LeDrew (student supply, later ordained)
1930-34 — Rev. James M. Would	1957-61 — Rev. E. T. Montour
(the same Mr. Would who had served McLean 1906-08)	1961-64 — Mrs. C. A. Clarkson (lay supply, later ordained)
1934-40 — Rev. Stanley Edgecombe	1964-71 — Mr. J. McKinley
1940-41 — Rev. Thomas M. Beveridge	(lay supply)
1941-45 — Rev. John Lyall (supply)	1971-72 — Mr. W. Harkema
1945-52 — Rev. W. H. Black	(lay supply)
	1972 to present — Rev. Doreen Smith

McLEAN CIRCUIT (dates are approximate to 1925):

1906-08 — Rev. James M. Would	1940-41 — Mr. John Broad
1908-12 — Rev. E. C. Ecob	(lay supply)
1912-18 — no record	1941-43 — Mr. G. B. Peters
1918-19 — Mr. Tom Currant (lay supply, later ordained)	(lay supply)
1919-20 — Rev. D. R. Patterson	1943-48 — Prof. F. E. Wagg
1920-21 — Rev. H. Letts	(supplied from Balgonie)
1921-24 — Rev. Fenner	1948-49 — Mr. Ian Wilson (student)
1924-29 — Rev. A. V. Knowlton	1949-50 — Mr. Charles R. Newton
1929-30 — Rev. C. B. Kerr	(student) - later ordained
(with Balgonie)	1950-51 — Mr. W. C. Tupling
1930-31 — A. C. Allewell (student)	(student) - later ordained
1931-35 — Rev. Jas. McLaren	1951 — Mr. D. Grant Livingstone
1935-36 — Rev. Herman McConnell	(student)
1936-38 — Rev. George B. Cree	1951-52 — Mr. Barker
1938-39 — no record	1952 — Mr. Glen McPherson
1939-40 — Mr. Parrott	(student) summer

(Amalgamation with Qu'Appelle — see Qu'Appelle ministers for 1952 on. However, still had a summer student for awhile).

1953 — Mr. R. Nagus, (student) summer — later ordained.

1931 — Also while Mr. Bruce Anderson was at Avonhurst, he preached for two months at McLean.

Rev. Irvine Nix and Mr. Edgar Embury also preached at McLean, but dates are unknown.

AVONHURST, DONAMAR AND THE CHURCH ON THE RESERVE (dates are approximate till Church Union, 1925):

1900 - 06 — no record

1901 — Rev. Matheson

Date unknown — Rev. Thomson

1906 - 08 — Rev. William Wilson
(of Balgonie)

1911 - 21 — Rev. H. B. Heron
(of Donamar) Avonhurst,
Donamar and Reserves

1922 - 24 — Rev. L. A. Muttitt

1924 - 25 — Rev. Alex Wilson
("Missionary-in-Charge")

1925 — Rev. J. A. MacKenzie
(summer) while visiting

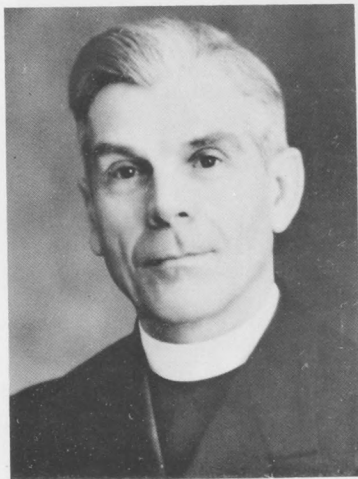
1925 - 28 — Rev. William J. D. Gibson

1928 - 31 — Mr. Bruce Anderson
(lay supply)

from 1931—served from McLean



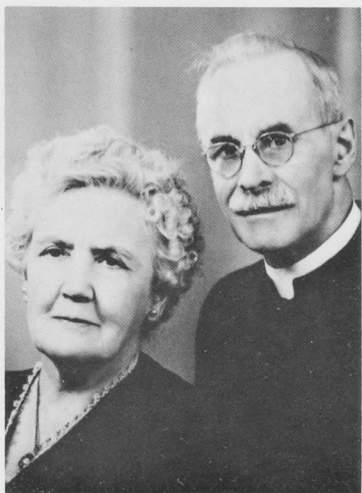
Rev. and Mrs. W. J. D. Gibson
— served 1925 - 28 at
Avonhurst, Donamar, Pasqua
and Muscow - Petung
Indian Reserves.



Rev. James Would,
former missionary to China



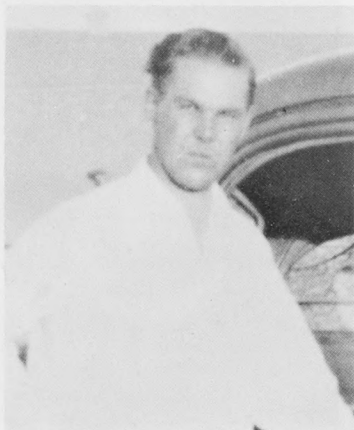
Mr. Joseph Craig and Rev. M. Edgecomb



Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Black



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Beveridge

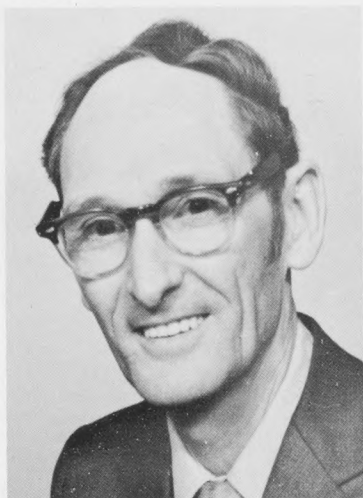


Bill Tupling



Rev. and Mrs. Norman Quigley





Rev. E. LeDrew



Rev. E. T. Montour



Marjorie Clarkson



Mr. and Mrs. McKinley



Mr. and Mrs. W. Harkema



Edgeley
United Church



Interior at Edgeley



Committee of Stewards at Edgeley — W. Morrell, M. Jones, R. Kinvig, K. Clayton, K. Mader, A. Lindenbach.



Church Session at Edgeley — R. Ferguson, B. MacPherson, J. Ormiston, Rev. D. Smith, N. Holliday.



Miniature church built by J. F. Tate beside the village church.

Miniature church
Driver: H. G. Holliday.

Centennial Year, 1967
Regina Travelers Day Parade.





White Gift Sunday, 1962

Conducting the service Primary, Junior and Kindergarten Classes.



1958 Explorer group led by Mrs. Dorothea Tate and Mrs. Ethel Willox.



75th Anniversary, 1958. Mr. Bert Fessant holds the gavel presented to the Sask. Conference in 1939. The wood for this gavel came from the altar rail in the church. Rev. E. T. Montour, minister.



**Qu'Appelle Methodist ABC Class approx. 1909 - 10
Edgeley**

Our official records for the Qu'Appelle Circuit go back to 1893 (Membership Roll; Treasurer's Accounts); 1900 (Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials); and 1909 (list of Missions Subscribers). One exception to this is a baptismal certificate from Edgeley issued on December 15, 1885, to James William Whittingham, then 27 years old, by Thomas Lawson. This certificate is in the possession of James' grandson, Walter Whittingham. Mr. Fred A. Wilson of Qu'Appelle tells us that the first wedding in the Edgeley Church was that of his parents: Thomas James Wilson and Nellie Grace Ellis, who were married on March 28, 1896. In the Church Register, which begins in 1900, the first Edgeley wedding recorded is that of David Tate to Mabel Goodwin in 1901; and the latest Edgeley wedding is that of Kenneth Cameron to Faye Holliday in 1972. (There are 12 Edgeley weddings recorded prior to Church Union in 1925, and 63 from 1925 to date; 212 baptisms — 16 adult, 196 infant or child; and 79 burials.)

The Edgeley congregation began in 1882 with a Bible Class held in a tent on the Fraser homestead. Mr. Hewitt, a Methodist minister from Portage, held a few services in August of that year, and in 1883 the Rev. Wellington Bridgeman organized the collection of funds to build a church. The contract was given to Gray Brothers (great-uncles of Harvey Holliday), who completed the church in time for dedication July 1, 1883. At the service, Frank Fessant led the singing, Mrs. J. H. Fraser was organist, and Rev. Young of Winnipeg preached. The first trustees were inducted: Thos. Wright, John Gorrell, Joseph Fessant, J. H. Fraser, Jas. Whittingham, Frank Goodwin, and Joseph Craig. Others who have served through the years as trustees, elders and stewards are: Mr. J. Craig, Mr. L. Craig, Mr. E. Alspach, Mr. W. Holliday, Mr. Clarence Tate, Mr. H. A. Fessant, Mrs. Andrew Howden, Mr. Harvey Holliday, Mr. Keith Fessant, Mr. Peter Graham, Mr. Jack McKellar, Mrs. D. Mader, Mr. William Barber, Mrs. Mervin Jones, Mr. Roy Holliday, Mrs. Harvey Holliday, Mrs. Don Cockwill, Mrs. J. Lindembach, Mr. R. Hardie, Mr. Ken Mader, Mr. Mervin Jones, Mrs. Wm. Clayton, Mr. Ross Kinvig, Mr. Wm. Morrell, Mr. Bernice MacPherson, Jim Ormiston.

The Rev. Thomas Lawson, our first regular minister, noted in his records that the tent service of May, 1882, was the first Methodist service held in what is now Saskatchewan. When the church was built, it stood where the cemetery now is; but in March, 1924, it was moved to its present site. (A photograph of "moving day" and the horses who did the hauling is included in the photographs here.)



March, 1924 — moving the church from its original site in the graveyard to the present location. Contractor — Jack Forbes. In charge — Mr. D. Tate and Mr. W. Holliday. Mr. H. M. Craig in front.

To the best of our knowledge, our church has seen longer continuous service as a church than any other church in this province.



1922 — play —

Voices from other Lands

In 1922 a partial basement was put under the church, for the furnace; and this year, a new organ was acquired.

This is now our 90th Anniversary. We hope that many of you who read these pages will have been able to attend our celebration (July 8, 1973), to help us remember the past and to inspire us towards a future rich in the service of God.

Our first membership roll goes back to November, 1893:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Fessant | 10. W. T. Holliday |
| 2. Elizabeth Fessant | 11. Katherine Holliday |
| 3. James Whittingham | 12. Joseph Craig |
| 4. Rebecca Whittingham | 13. James H. Craig |
| 5. Fred Whittingham | 14. J. H. Fraser |
| 6. Franklin Goodwin | 15. Mrs. J. H. Fraser |
| 7. Mary Ann Goodwin | 16. John George Matthews |
| 8. George Scarff | 17. Mr. Ellis |
| 9. Agnes Scarff | 18. Mrs. Ellis |



1924 — Mother's Day Play

On July 29, 1894, Mrs. Fred Whittingham and Mr. Joseph Craig were received "On Trial," and were full members by June, 1895. Other early members were Mrs. Adeline Capling and Mrs. Maggie Root. At the time of Church Union (June 10, 1925) the membership was:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. H. A. Fessant | 12. Miss Capling |
| 2. Mrs. H. A. Fessant | 13. Dan Capling |
| 3. P. F. Whittingham | 14. D. H. Tate |
| 4. Mrs. P. F. Whittingham | 15. Mrs. D. H. Tate |
| 5. W. S. Holliday | 16. G. W. Stickle |
| 6. Mrs. W. S. Holliday | 17. Mrs. G. W. Stickle |
| 7. Geo. Holliday | 18. Ray Stickle |
| 8. Mrs. Geo. Holliday | 19. Mrs. Ray Stickle |
| 9. J. W. Holliday | 20. J. Barber |
| 10. Mrs. J. W. Holliday | 21. Mrs. J. Barber |
| 11. Mrs. Capling | 22. Mrs. Ben Eastman |

Historic Roll

The Following List gives the Names and a Brief History of all those who have joined the Edgeley Congregation since Union:

1 & 2

HERBERT A. FESSANT and wife, ALICE, both charter members from the Methodist Church joined at the time of Church Union in 1925. Mr. Fessant served as steward, elder, treasurer for many years. Deceased in 1965. Mrs. Fessant was a member of the W.M.S. organized in 1909 and carried through into W.A. in 1928. Deceased in 1967. Both are buried in Edgeley cemetery.

72

ISABELLA FESSANT (Mrs. Harvey) — Joined by transfer of certificate from Indian Head in 1939. She is an active member of W.A. and U.C.W. Resident member. Son . . .

86

RONALD FESSANT (son of Harvey and Bella) — Joined by P. of F. in 1953. His membership was transferred to Whitmore in Regina in 1962 where he still resides. Married.

145

JEAN FESSANT (Mrs. Keith) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Active in U.C.W., choir and organist for a time. Resident member.

138

KATHLEEN FESSANT (Mrs. W. Hutton) — Daughter of Keith and Jean. Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Belonged to C.G.I.T. and choir. Transferred in 1966. Now residing in Campbell River, B.C. Her sister . . .

165

JANET FESSANT — Joined by P. of F. in 1962, belonged to Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Her husband . . .

141

JOSEPH OLSON — Joined in 1958 by P. of F. Member of Tyro group. Both resident members.

3

PERCY WHITTINGHAM came as a chartered member from the Methodist Church in 1925. Served on the Board of Stewards for a time. Died in 1968 and is buried at Edgeley. His wife . . .

4

EFFIE WHITTINGHAM also a chartered member from the Methodist Church, belonged to W.M.S. and W.A. She died in 1966 and is buried at Edgeley.

5 & 6

WILLIAM S. HOLLIDAY and wife, L. BEATRICE — Both charter members from Methodist, joining in United in 1925. Mr. Holliday served as steward, elder, secretary-treasurer of the Church Board. Mrs. Holliday was active in Church work and W.A. They moved to Regina transferring to Carmichael where Mrs. Holliday resides. Mr. Holliday deceased 1961 — burial Regina.

41

HARVEY G. HOLLIDAY (son of Wm. S.) — by P. of F. in 1925, serving as steward, chairman of Board, Trustee. His wife . . .

69

NAOMI ALSPACH — Joining by transfer of certificate from Sherwood, Regina in 1939. Active in Church work as elder, congregational secretary, treasurer of Memorial Building Fund, in W.A., U.C.W. and Sunday School. Resident members.

42

STANLEY HOLLIDAY (son of Wm. S.) — Joining by P. of F. in 1925. Moved from Edgeley to Manville, Alta. Residing in Prince George, B.C. Transferred membership 1961. Married.

139

BARRY HOLLIDAY (son of Harvey and Naomi) — P. of F. in 1958. Member of Tyro group. Barry transferred to Rosetown in 1967 now residing in Kyle.

140

KEN HOLLIDAY (son of Harvey and Naomi) — P. of F. in 1958. Member of Tyro group. A non-resident member, resides in Regina.

169

BARBARA HOLLIDAY (Mrs. Don Farrell) — Daughter of Harvey and Naomi. P. of F. in 1962. Member of Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Transferred to Arcola in 1967, now resident in Midale. Her sister . . .

186

FAYE HOLLIDAY (Mrs. Ken Cameron) — P. of F. in 1968. Member of Explorers and choir. Resident in Regina, attending university.

7

MABEL TATE — Charter member from Edgeley Methodist Church in 1925. Daughter of Franklin Goodwin, one of the first trustees of the church in 1883. Deceased February, 1940. Her husband . . .

49

DAVID H. TATE — Charter member from Edgeley Methodist Church. Deceased June, 1926. Both are buried in Edgeley. Their daughter . . .

8

PEARL TATE (Mrs. Andrew Howden) — Member by P. of F. in 1924. Active member in W.A., U.C.W., elder and Clerk of Session. Resident member. Her daughter . . .

99

NORMA HOWDEN (Mrs. J. Ash) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferred to St. Andrew's, Regina in 1960 where she is a resident. Her sister . . .

107

MAE HOWDEN (Mrs. Harold Wesley) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferred to Regina in 1962 where she resides. Her brother . . .

146

MALCOLM HOWDEN — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Married, living in Saskatoon. Brother . . .

147

ROBERT HOWDEN — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Married and resident member.

9

IRMA TATE (Mrs. R. Pound) — Daughter of Mabel and David. Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Transferred to United Church, Surrey, B.C. in 1938. Now residing there. Her brother . . .

10

CLARENCE TATE — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Active as steward and elder. Transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1959. Now residing in Regina. His wife . . .

28

AGNES BOXALL — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Was member of W.A., U.C.W. and organist. Transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1959, now residing in Regina. Their son . . .

80

DAVID TATE — Joined by P. of F. in 1944. Married and resides at Medley, Alta. His sister . . .

90

CAROL TATE (Mrs. W. Powell) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferred to Regina in 1961 where they reside.

23

LENORA TATE (Mrs. A. Haynes) — Daughter of David and Mabel, joined by P. of F. in 1924. Was organist from 1923-31. Resident member. Her brother . . .

24

FRANKLIN TATE — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Served as elder. His wife . . .

188

DOROTHEA MacPHERSON — Transferred from Avonhurst in 1969. Served as Sup't. of Sunday School, Explorer leader, U.C.W. and still assists in this work. Resident member. Their daughter . . .

180

DARLENE TATE (Mrs. R. Scherle) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Member of Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Residing in Regina.

68

EUNICE TATE (Mrs. B. MacPherson) — Daughter of David and Mabel Tate, joined by P. of F. in 1939. Active in Sunday School work. Resident member. Her husband . . .

189

BERNICE MacPHERSON — Transferred from Avonhurst in 1969. Is an elder and secretary of Church Board. Resident member. Their son . . .

187

GEORGE MacPHERSON — Joined by P. of F. in 1968. Married. Residing at Yorkton.

11

GEORGE W. STICKLE — Charter member from Methodist Church in 1925, transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1932. Deceased 1946. His wife . . .

12

MARGARET STICKLE — Charter member from Methodist Church 1925. Active as member of W.M.S. in 1909. Transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1932. Deceased, both are buried at Edgeley. Their son . . .

14

RAY STICKLE — Charter member from the Methodist Church 1925, transferred to Edmonton 1932. His wife . . .

13

CORA STICKLE — Charter member from Methodist Church 1925, transferred to Edmonton in 1932 where they reside.

22

CARRIE STICKLE (Mrs. E. E. Stickle) — Joined the Church in 1924. Active in W.A., Associate member of W.M.S. Deceased. Her daughter . . .

32

MILDRED STICKLE (Mrs. F. McNaughton) — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Active in W.A. Transferred to Springvale Church in 1966 and now resides in Fort Qu'Appelle.

33

EVELYN STICKLE (Mrs. Lawrence Stewart) — Daughter of Carrie and Ernie, joined by P. of F. in 1924. Member of W.A. Transferred to Springvale in 1961 and now resides in Fort Qu'Appelle. Her sister . . .

34

JOSEPHINE STICKLE (Mrs. A. Jack) — Joined by P. of F. in 1924, transferred to Regina Presbyterian. Resides in Regina. Her sister . . .

35

VIOLA STICKLE (Mrs. Edwin Rogers) — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. A resident member. Her daughter . . .

176

CHERYL ROGERS (Mrs. L. Bergerman) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Member of Explorers. Resident of Lumsden, Sask.

15 & 16

JOHN BARBER and wife, MAUD — Charter members of Methodists, joining in Union in 1925 and active in Church community until death in 1955. Mrs. Barber was member of W.M.S. in 1909. Deceased in 1953. Both are buried at Edgeley.

88

WILLIAM BARBER — Member by P. of F. in 1953. Served on Church Board as elder and treasurer. Moved to Qu'Appelle where he now resides.

17

MRS. BEN EASTMAN — Was a charter member of Methodist Church, joining at Union in 1925. Transferred to Knox, Qu'Appelle. Deceased. Buried at Qu'Appelle.

25

BEN EASTMAN — Charter member of Methodist Church joining at Union in 1925. Transferred to Knox, Qu'Appelle. Deceased, buried at Qu'Appelle.

18

DANIEL CAPLING — Charter member from Methodist Church in 1925. Transferred to Sooke, B.C. Deceased. His sister . . .

19

ADELINE CAPLING — Charter member of the Methodist Church. Deceased and buried at Edgeley. She was a member of W.M.S.

20

MRS. ELIZABETH CAPLING — Was a charter member from the Methodist Church, a member of W.M.S. Deceased and buried at Edgeley. Her son is Dan Capling.

54

ELWOOD CAPLING (grandson of Mrs. E. Capling) — Joining by P. of F. in 1937. Married and living in Edmonton, Alta.

21

MRS. WILLIAM BOXALL (Dora) — Joined by transfer of certificate from Anglican Church in 1924. Was active in W.A. and choir leader. Moved to Regina in 1940. Deceased 1956 and is buried at Edgeley. Her daughter . .

56

MURIEL BOXALL (Mrs. E. Richter) — Joined by P. of F. in 1937. Transferred to Regina 1961 where she resides. Her brother . . .

64

JOHN BOXALL — Joined by P. of F. in 1939. He resides in Nampa, Idaho, U.S.A. His sister . . .

27

EDNA BOXALL (Mrs. J. Mitchell) — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. Was a member of W.A. Transferred membership to St. Boniface, Man. Her husband . . .

57

JOHN MITCHELL — Member by P. of F. in 1937. Transferred to St. Boniface, Man. Both reside at Penticton, B.C.

26

DORIS BOXALL (Mrs. A. Bowman) — Joined by P. of F. in 1928. Served as secretary of W.A. Organist for many years. Transferred membership to Fort Qu'Appelle 1967 where she now resides. Her three children . . .

91

PHYLLIS BOWMAN (Mrs. J. Cameron) — Daughter of Doris and Alf joined by P. of F. 1958. Transferred to Uranium City 1963. Presently living in Regina. Her brother . . .

106

WILLIAM BOWMAN — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Transferred to Shaunavon in 1960. Now residing in Swift Current. Married. His sister . . .

135

J. DIANE BOWMAN (Mrs. F. Danchuk) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Was member of C.G.I.T. and choir. Transferred to Knox-Met, Regina 1963. Presently residing in Surrey, B.C.

29

PATRICIA BOXALL (Mrs. G. Rogers) — Joined by P. of F. in 1924. She is still a resident member.

30

JAMES JONES — Joined by transfer from Anglican Church, England in 1924. Resident member until his death in 1967. Buried at Edgeley. His wife . . .

31

FLORENCE JONES — Transferred from Anglican Church, Fort William, Ont. Active in U.C.W. A resident member. Their daughter . . .

171

IRENE JONES — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Active in U.C.W., currently secretary and resident member.

36

GLADSTONE SAMSON — Joined in 1925 and wife . . .

37

SADIE SAMSON — Joined in 1925. They transferred to Kenaston 1929, now reside in Saskatoon.

38

MRS. G. R. KING — Transferred from Qu'Appelle Methodist in 1925 to Edgeley then back to Qu'Appelle. She is now the oldest living member at 97 years, residing in Pioneer Nursing Home in Regina. Her daughter . . .

39

MARION KING (Mrs. A. Rieder) — Joined by P. of F. in 1925. She is now residing in Peebles, Sask. Her sister . . .

40

MONA KING (Mrs. H. Boxall) — Joined by P. of F. in 1925. An active W.A. and U.C.W. member. She is a resident member.

43

J. S. TULLIS — Became a member in 1925, transferred to Regina in 1929. His wife . . .

44

MRS. J. S. TULLIS — Became a member in 1925, transferred to Regina 1929. Both are deceased. Their son . . .

45

WILLIAM TULLIS — Joined in 1925, transferred to Regina 1929. His wife . . .

46

RUTH TULLIS — Became a member in 1925, transferred to Regina in 1929. Reside in Winnipeg.

47

ANNA TULLIS (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tullis) — Was a member in 1925, transferred to Regina in 1929. Deceased. Her brother . . .

48

JOHN TULLIS — Joined in 1925, transferred to Regina in 1929.

50

ETHEL PARROT — Joined by P. of F. in 1929. Organist from 1929-35. Transferred membership to Qu'Appelle in 1940 where she now resides.

51

JEAN BOGART (Mrs. M. Hooper) — Joined by P. of F. in 1933. An active worker in W.A. and U.C.W. Resident member.

96

GWENDOLYN HOOPER (Mrs. S. Kellogg) — Daughter of Morley and Jean. Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Membership transferred, now resides in Regina. Her brother . . .

97

ALLAN HOOPER — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Married. Resident member.

185

JOAN HOOPER (Mrs. Allan) — Joined by certificate of transfer from Regina in 1967. Was a member of U.C.W. and choir, resident member.

52

ALICE RICKARD (Mrs. H. Gillert) — Joined by P. of F. in 1933, transferred to McLean 1949 and resides in McLean district.

53

ALDON OTT — Joined by P. of F. in 1936 and now lives in Palmerston, Ont.

55

ANNIE CRAIG (Mrs. Wallace Steinke) — Joined by P. of F. in 1937. Was organist for a time. Resides in Beaver Lodge, Alta.

58 & 59

EDWIN S. ALSPACH and wife, ETHEL — Joined the Church in 1936 from Sherwood, Regina. Mr. Alspach served on Board of Stewards until moving to Indian Head 1946 where he died 1958, predeceased by his wife in 1955. Mrs. Alspach was active in W.A. and Church life, organist for a time. Both are buried at Indian Head. Daughter . . .

60

VIRGINIA ALSPACH (Mrs. D. Mader) — Member by transferr in 1938, serving actively in W.A., U.C.W., Sunday School, choir and on Church Board. A resident member. Her daughter . . .

174

KARILYN MADER (Mrs. M. Nelson) — By P. of F. in 1962. In Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir member. Resident of Regina.

95

DOUGLAS MADER — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, assisting in the work of the Church. A resident member.

66

MURIEL ALSPACH (Mrs. R. Cairns) — Daughter of Edwin and Ethel, joined by P. of F. 1939. Served as organist. Transferred membership to Indian Head 1946, returned to Edgeley 1958. Served in W.A. and choir. Moved to Shaunavon 1971. Her husband . . .

153

ROSS CAIRNS — By P. of F. 1959. Residing in Shaunavon.

65

GRANT ALSPACH (son of Edwin and Ethel) — Joined by P. of F. in 1939. Moved to Indian Head transferring there in 1946. Now resident in Davenport, Wash., U.S.A.

61

LOIS SNOW (Mrs. Wm. Hare) — Joined by P. of F. in 1938. Was a choir member. Transferred to Fruitvale, B.C. 1961, resides in Nelson, B.C. Her sister . . .

62

MARGARET SNOW (Mrs. L. Gardiner) — Joined by P. of F. in 1938, a choir member. Residing in Vancouver, B.C.

77

ARCHIBALD MacDONALD — Transferred to Edgeley in 1942. Deceased 1959. His wife . . .

78

HAZEL MacDONALD — Transferred to Edgeley in 1942, was an active member in W.A. and Church work. Transferred to Regina in 1966 where she resides.

63

MARGUERITE LANZ (Mrs. Emil Lanz) — By P. of F. in 1938. Moved from community 1950. Now resident in San Diego, U.S.A.

67

JACK HARDIE (son of Robert and Ethel) — Joined by P. of F. 1939. The Hardie family transferred their memberships in 1962 to St. Andrew's, Regina. Wife . . .

167

MYRTLE HARDIE — Joined by P. of F. 1962. Two of their daughters.

168

SUSAN HARDIE (Mrs. E. Dormuth) — Joined by P. of F. 1962. Member of Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Now resident in Medicine Hat, Alta.

166

BARBARA HARDIE (Mrs. R. Susylinski) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Member of Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Lives in Regina.

113 & 114

ROBERT HARDIE and wife ETHEL — Joined by transfer in 1952. Bob served as steward for many years and as caretaker of the cemetery. Ethel served as choir leader for some time. Both are resident members.

70 & 128

ROY HOLLIDAY (son of George) — Joined by P. of F. 1939, and wife LILLIAN by transfer of certificate in 1961. Roy was active in Church work serving as a steward. The family moved to Regina transferring to St. James in 1962.

170

JUDY HOLLIDAY (Mrs. D. Stickle) — Daughter of Roy and Lillian joined by P. of F. 1962. An Explorer and C.G.I.T., now residing in Langley, B.C.

71

RUTH HOLLIDAY (Mrs. G. Barker) — Daughter of George. Joined by P. of F. in 1939. Moved to Regina transferring to Knox-Met in 1940.

73

MARY ROBERTSON (Mrs. R. Robertson) — From Knox, Qu'Appelle, 1940. Active in W.A. and U.C.W. Moved to Regina, transferring membership in 1968. Husband . . .

127

ROBERT ROBERTSON — By P. of F. in 1958. Deceased 1964. Burial at Regina.

74 & 75

GEORGE HOLLIDAY and wife ELIZABETH — Transferred from Knox, Qu'Appelle in 1940. George and brother Bill were the horsemen who moved the church (picture) with 12 horses from the cemetery to Edgeley in 1924. Mrs. Holliday was active in W.A. and faithful in church attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday moved to Regina. Mr. Holliday deceased in 1952. Mrs. Holliday is a resident in Pioneer Lodge, Regina.

76

LORNE HOLLIDAY (son of George and Elizabeth) — Transferred from Qu'Appelle to Edgeley. Now residing in Vancouver, B.C. where the membership was transferred in 1961. Married. Sister . . .

79

OLIVENE HOLLIDAY (Mrs. H. Wooster) — Joined by P. of F. in 1944 transferring to Regina in 1956 where she now resides.

81

JUNE ROGERS (Mrs. C. Kinvig) — Joined by transfer from Caron in 1952. Served actively in W.A., Sunday School and choir. Husband . . .

130

CHARLES KINVIG — By P. of F. in 1953. Resident member.

82

SHIRLEY ROGERS (Mrs. C. Robb) — Joined by transfer from Caron in 1952. Transferred to Qu'Appelle in 1961 where she now resides.

83

CARL ARCHIBALD — Transferred from Webb in 1952. His wife . . .

84

MARGARET ARCHIBALD — Transferred from Webb in 1952. Active in W.A. work and U.C.W., Sup't. of Cradle Roll since its beginning, Sunday School, also other Church work. Both are resident members.

92

CAROLINE ARCHIBALD (Mrs. J. Brown) — Daughter of Carl and Madge. Joined by P. of F. 1958. Membership transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1962 where she now resides.

85

MARGARET WILLIAMS (Mrs. Fred) — Transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Edenwold in 1952. Active member of U.C.W. and choir. Resident member.

182

MONA WILLIAMS (Mrs. M. Ragan) — Daughter of Fred and Margaret, joined by P. of F. in 1962. Active member of Explorer, C.G.I.T. and choir. Now resides in Calgary. Her sister . . .

184

ANN WILLIAMS (Mrs. Anthony Ofukany) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Resides in Carlyle, Sask.

87

GERALD LINDENBACH (son of Amanda and Jake) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958, resident member until 1973 when he moved to Fort Qu'Appelle. Married. His sister . . .

89

AUDREY LINDENBACH (Mrs. J. Ogilvie) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958, and now resides in Picton, Ont. Her sister . . .

117

BEVERLEY LINDENBACH (Mrs. G. Tkack) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferring to Regina in 1966 where she now resides.

111

AMANDA LINDENBACH (Mrs. Jake) — Joined by transfer of certificate from the Baptist Church at Edenwold in 1952. She has been active in Church work, serving on Board of Stewards, U.C.W., Memorial Building Fund and choir member. Her Husband . . .

112

JACOB LINDENBACH — Transferred by certificate from Edenwold Baptist in 1952. Deceased in 1971, burial in Edgeley.

93

INA ROGERS (Mrs. H. Rogers) — By P. of F. in 1952. Active member in W.A. and U.C.W., faithful church attendance as a resident member during summer months, resident in Regina during winter. Sons . . .

94

BRIAN ROGERS (son of Howard and Ina) — By P. of F. in 1952. Was a member of Tyro Club. Married. Resident of Moose Jaw. Brother . . .

143

LESLIE ROGERS — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Married. Resident in Regina.

98

WILLIAM H. ROGERS (son of Benny and Agnes) — Joined by P. of F. 1952. Transferred to St. Andrew's, Regina, where he is residing. Married. Brother . . .

142

VICTOR B. ROGERS — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Resides in Regina.

123

AGNES ROGERS (Mrs. Benny Rogers) — Transferred by certificate in 1954. An active member in W.A. and U.C.W. and choir member. A resident member.

100

GWENETH JONES — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferred in 1962 to Regina where she resides. Her sister . . .

101

PHYLLIS JONES (Mrs. Ray Cameron) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952, transferred to Arcola 1962 where she now resides.

116

DAISY JONES (Mrs. Mervin Jones) — Joined by certificate 1952. Active worker in choir, U.C.W., served as an elder, congregational secretary and Clerk of Session. Resident member. Her son . . .

192

GLYN JONES — Joined by P. of F. in 1972. Attending high school. Resident member.

102

ETHEL COCKWILL (Mrs. Don Cockwill) — By P. of F. in 1952. Active in W.A. and U.C.W. as well as on Church Board serving as steward and as treasurer for several terms. Resident member.

103

RUTH ALSPACH (Mrs. Ed Alspach) — P. of F. in 1952. Active in W.A. Husband . . .

126

EDWIN D. ALSPACH (son of Edwin and Ethel) — P. of F. in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Alspach moved to Regina in 1958 transferring to Zion in 1959.

104

EMMA GRAHAM (Mrs. P. Graham) — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Mrs. Graham has been a W.A. member.

105

PETER GRAHAM — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Mr. Graham served as steward on the Church Board and is a trustee of the church.

108

J. L. PETERSON — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Wife . . .

109

EVELYN PETERSON — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Reside in Balgonie.

110

GORDON GRAHAM — Joined by P. of F. in 1952. Moved to Stoughton, resident there. Married.

115

LEETA BOXALL (Mrs. Bill) — Joined by transfer from Balgonie in 1925. She is active in W.A., U.C.W., Church work, Sunday School and Tyros. Resident member.

136

JOHN BOXALL (son of Bill and Leeta) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Belonged to Tyros. Transferred to Sherwood, Regina, where he now resides. Married. His brother . . .

137

LARRY BOXALL — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Transferred in 1966. His wife . . .

183

JULIA BOXALL — Joined by transfer in 1962. They now reside in U.S.A.

118

STELLA McKENZIE (Mrs. Fred) — Joined by transfer of certificate in 1952. Moved and transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle 1961. Deceased 1971, burial in Regina.

119

FREDERICK McKENZIE — Joined by transfer in 1952. Deceased 1960, burial in Regina.

122

MRS. MINNIE REECE — Joined by transfer from Burnt River, Ont. in 1954. Active in W.A. and U.C.W. Moved and transferred to Qu'Appelle in 1966. Her daughter . . .

120

MINNIE REECE (Mrs. J. Frame) — Joined by P. of F. in 1954. Transferred in 1961. Now living in Cumberland, B.C. Her sister . . .

121

EUNICE REECE (Mrs. Osteried) — Joined by P. of F. in 1954. Transferred in 1963. Residing in Regina.

124 & 125

GILBERT PRIOR and wife ELSIE — Joined by transfer of certificate in 1955. Moved with family to Langbank, transferring in 1962.

129

WILLIAM CLAYTON — Joined by P. of F. in 1953. Resident member. His wife . . .

163

KATHLEEN EASTGATE (Mrs. Clayton) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Active in U.C.W. and choir, is treasurer of the Board of Stewards. Resident member.

131

HAROLD MacPHERSON — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Resident member. His wife . . .

132

ADELE MacPHERSON — Also by P. of F. in 1957, is a resident member. Their daughter . . .

133

DIANA MacPHERSON (Mrs. G. Walker) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958, transferred in 1963 to Weyburn where she resides. She was a C.G.I.T. in Edgeley. Her sister . . .

134

DOROTHEA MacPHERSON (Mrs. W. Isherwood) — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Active in choir and C.G.I.T. Resides at Nokomis, Sask. Her sister . . .

175

PHYLLIS MacPHERSON (Mrs. L. Pantel) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Member of Explorers, C.G.I.T. and choir. Resides at Fort Qu'Appelle.

144

PATSY SMITH (Mrs. J. Simmons) — Daughter of Fred and Agnes, joined by P. of F. She was in C.G.I.T. and choir. Now residing in Peachland, B.C. Her brother . . .

179

FRED SMITH — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Married. Now residing in Regina.

151

JOSEPHINE PRIOR (Mrs. Ken Mader) — Joined by transfer from Qu'Appelle in 1958. Active in U.C.W., choir, Sunday School and C.G.I.T. leader.

152

KENNETH MADER — Joined by P. of F. 1958. Active as a steward and chairman of the Board, Sunday School Sup't. Resident member.

193

BRADLEY KENNETH MADER — Joined by P. of F. in 1972. Attending high school. Resident member. Son of Kenneth and Josephine Mader.

154

NORMA FERGUSON — Member by certificate from St. John's Lutheran Church in 1962. An active member of U.C.W., choir and Sunday School. Resident member. Her husband . . .

155

ROBERT FERGUSON — Joined by certificate from Fort Qu'Appelle United in 1962. He is elder and Clerk of Session. Active member of choir. Resident member.

164

R. MARTIN FERGUSON (son of Robert and Norma) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Resident member. His sister . . .

194

COLLEEN FERGUSON — Joined by P. of F. in 1972. Attending high school. Resident member.

157

JACOB MUELLER — Joined by transfer of certificate from the Lutheran Church in Switzerland. A resident member. His wife . . .

156

ANN MUELLER — Joined by P. of F. in 1958. Active in U.C.W. Their son . . .

173

GORDON MUELLER — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Resides in Saskatoon. Married.

158

FRANCINE ORMISTON — Joined by transfer of certificate from Fort Qu'Appelle in 1962. Active in Sunday School. Resident member. Her husband . . .

159

JAMES ORMISTON — By certificate from Fort Qu'Appelle in 1962. Serving as an elder on the Church Board. Resident member. Their daughter . . .

190

MARY-ANN ORMISTON — Joined by P. of F. in 1972. Choir member. Resides in Lloydminster.

160

AUDREY MAMCHUR (Mrs. Peter) — Transfer from Wakaw in 1962. Active in Sunday School work.

161

PETER MAMCHUR — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Residing at Lebret. Their son . . .

172

GARY MAMCHUR — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Transferred to Fort Qu'Appelle 1964.

162

RICHARD BOXALL (son of George) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Now belongs to Mormon Church. Residing in Provo, Utah at time of writing.

177

JUDY ROGERS (Mrs. L. Perras) — Daughter of Ray and Blanche. Joined in 1962 by P. of F. Now living in Langenburg. Her brother . . .

178

THOMAS ROGERS — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Married and living in Regina.

191

NORMA JEAN MORRELL — Joined by P. of F. in 1972. Has sung in choir, resident member.

181

ALAN OLSON (son of Carl and Florence) — Joined by P. of F. in 1962. Married and now residing in Meadow Lake, Sask.

Our Community

In addition to the membership roll we have these who help in many ways:

Boxall, Mrs. Alice
Boxall, Mr. & Mrs. Geo.
Chapman, Mr. I.
Cockwill, Mrs. Carrie
Fraser, Mr. & Mrs. W. & Janet
Frombach, Mr. & Mrs. P.
Graham, Mr. & Mrs. L.
Jones, Mrs. Alma
Kinvig, Mrs. Janet
Kinvig, Mr. & Mrs. R.
Morrell, Mr. & Mrs. W.
Morrell, Mrs. E.
Mader, Mr. & Mrs. S.
Manshandi, Mr. & Mrs. J.

Olson, Mr. & Mrs. C.
Reece, Mr. & Mrs. A.
Reece, Mr. & Mrs. R.
Renner, Mr. A.
Rickard, Mr. & Mrs. W.
Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. R.
Silzer, Mr. & Mrs. R.
Smales, Mrs. H.
Stickle, Mr. & Mrs. W. E.
Vancoughnet, Mr. & Mrs. H.
Williams, Mr. & Mrs. D.
Williams, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Wolff, Mr. Carl & Mother
Wolff, Mr. H.

Church Organizations through the Years

Ladies' Organizations:

The first W.M.S. — 1909 - 16. First records found are of the first W.M.S., organized in February, 1909, at the home of Mrs. Whittingham. They met the first Wednesday in the month at the homes of the members. In it there was a Watch Tower Committee whose duties were to provide inspirational material concerning mission services.

A book, *The Story of the Years*, was read chapter by chapter at the meetings. There were 12 members. They had a president; 1st and 2nd vice-presidents; corresponding secretary, recording secretary; treasurer; and superintendent of Systematic Giving. By February, 1910, there were 21 members, and they were aiding financially by various means: motion to pay half the parsonage expenses; sent delegates to Brandon; provided a scholarship for a girl in China.



**U.C.W. at Edgeley — B. Fessant, Rev. D. Smith, N. Holliday, I. Jones,
N. Fessant, J. Fessant, F. Jones, V. Mader.**

The last minutes recorded were in June, 1916, at the home of Mrs. J. K. Walker.

W.A. The second record book we found ran from 1928 to 1935, and the group — 20 members — was known as Edgeley W.A. There was a wide age-span in membership. Again meetings were held in the homes and consisted of devotionals, community work and social activities to aid the church financially. This organization continued with membership increasing to 32 in the late 50's.

U.C.W. In 1961 the W.A. and the W.M.S. organizations of the United Church of Canada became United Church Women (or U.C.W.) with their work encompassing not only the local area but the whole area that the United Church serves locally, at home and overseas. It has sought to help the sick, the troubled and the needy, to aid the Church in as many ways as it could, assisting financially, providing leadership in social and spiritual activities, and doing the menial work too. Many have served on the Manse Committee. Today the membership is small but still attempting to carry on.

Sunday School and Youth Organizations:

Sunday School in this district began in 1882 when Bible study was held in a tent on the Fraser homestead, with a Bible, a Sunday School journal, and a Sanky Hymn Book as equipment and supplies. John Gorrell, J. H. Fraser, and Jos. Fessant were leaders.

In 1884 Mr. Joseph Fessant became superintendent of the school and continued to serve until 1910 when he moved to Qu'Appelle.

Serving through the years have been many faithful and dedicated people. We cannot find Sunday School records of years back, but since 1940, serving as superintendents and teachers have been Mrs. Stella McKenzie, Mrs. Monica Boxall, Mrs. Leeta Boxall, Mrs. Audrey Mamchur, Mrs. June Kinvig, Mrs. Virginia Mader, Mrs. Norma Ferguson, Mrs. Eunice MacPherson, Mrs. Dorothea Tate, Mrs. Madge Archibald, Mrs. Doris Morrell, Mrs. Ranah Kinvig, Mrs. Naomi Holliday, Mr. Ken Mader, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Ina Rogers, Mrs. Francine Ormiston.

Guides. We found it difficult to compile a history of other organizations. From the 1928 minute book, the W.A. supported the Guide work, whether in part or how is not clear, but there was an active Guide Association.

A *Tyro* group for boys was under the leadership of Mrs. Leeta Boxall.

Explorers were under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothea Tate and Mrs. Ethel Willox.

C.G.I.T. — Mrs. Joseph Mader, Mrs. Ethel Cockwill, Mrs. Hilda Mackellar.

A *Hi-C* group was led by Mr. and Mrs. Harkema, and Mrs. Kay Clayton.

Y.P.U. — in the 30's there was a large Young People's Union.

Our *Cradle Roll*, begun in 1956, carries the names of 51 of our youngest ones. This roll has been kept and is still being kept by Mrs. Madge Archibald.



Church Choir at Edgeley: (back row) — K. Fessant, B. MacPherson, R. Ferguson, N. Ferguson, J. Fessant, R. Kinvig, J. Mader, K. Clayton, A. Lindenbach, M. Williams, J. Kinvig, D. Jones.

ORGANISTS AND CHOIR LEADERS

It is dangerous to attempt to list people who have served, as anyone who has done such work realizes, but we are going to recognize by name some who have served in some capacity, with only a "thank you" for much service.

Organists across the years: Miss Howett, Miss Virtue, Miss Ethel Parrott, Mrs. Gertrude Holliday, Mrs. Lenora Haynes, Mrs. Doris Bowman, Mrs. Annie Stenkie, Mrs. Agnes Tate, Mrs. Annie Smales, Mrs. Peg Wilde, Mrs. Ethel Alspach, Mrs. Muriel Cairns, Mrs. Jean Fessant, Mrs. Josephine Mader, Mrs. Marg. Williams, Mrs. Ranah Kinvig.

Our choir in later years has been led by Mrs. Dora Boxall, Mrs. Irene Quigley, Mrs. Ethel Hardie, Mrs. Josephine Mader, Mrs. Jean Fessant, Mrs. Norma Ferguson.

Across the years no mention has been made of those who served faithfully as caretakers, repairmen, and service men. The list would be long but to mention a few: Fred Smith, T. B. Hawkins, F. Tate, D. Mader, C. Tate, W. Bowes, Mrs. F. Mannel, Miss S. Mannel, Mrs. V. Mader, Miss B. Holliday, Miss D. Tate, Miss I. Jones, Miss F. Holliday.

ACKNOWLEDGING GIFTS AND MEMORIALS OVER THE YEARS

A PULPIT BIBLE — Mrs. H. A. Fessant and Mrs. W. S. Holliday.
MONEY TOWARD ORGANS — Mrs. H. A. Fessant, Mr. & Mrs. K. Fessant.
CUPBOARD; COMMUNION SERVICE; LIGHTING — Mr. and Mrs. John Barber.
CROCHETED COMMUNION TABLE CLOTH — Mrs. David Tate.
COMMUNION TABLE SCARF — Mrs. J. Mackellar.
TWO SETS OF BLINDS — the Fessant families: Mrs. H. A. Fessant, Mr. & Mrs. K. Fessant, Mr. & Mrs. H. Fessant.
TAPESTRY — Mr. & Mrs. W. Harkema.
WALL SHELF — Mr. J. McKinley.
COMMUNION GLASS RACKS — Barry Holliday.
CHOIR CHAIRS — Explorer Group.
ROOFING FOR CHURCH — Mr. H. A. Fessant and other Community Donations.

MEMORIALS

OFFERING PLATE — in memoriam: Mrs. Mary Martin, by her husband.
OFFERING PLATE — in memoriam: Mr. Tom J. Hawkins, by his wife.
BAPTISMAL FONT — in memoriam: Mrs. Dora Boxall, by her family.
MEMORIAL BOOK — in memoriam: Mr. William S. Holliday, by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Holliday and family.
CROSS — in memoriam: Mr. Archibald MacDonald, by his wife.
PLAQUE: in memoriam: Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Fessant, by Mrs. Edith Packman.

MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Marion Cameron, 1961	Mr. James T. Jones, 1967
Mr. William S. Holliday, 1961	Mr. Cecil Rickard, 1968
Mrs. Ada MacPherson, 1962	Mr. Harvey Mader, 1968
Rev. & Mrs. Hector Black, 1964; 1962	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spence, 1968; 1972
Mr. Ralph Cockwill, 1964	Mrs. Elizabeth Maskell, 1968
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert A. Fessant 1965; 1967	Mr. Percival F. Whittingham, 1964
Mr. Frederick Smith, 1965	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Rogers, 1969; 1971
Mrs. Elizabeth Jack, 1965	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin S. Alspach, 1958; 1955
Mrs. Margaret Bogart, 1965	Mr. Ernest E. Kinvig, 1970
Mrs. Lorna Baker, 1966	Mr. Harry Morrell, 1970
Mrs. Mary Olson, 1966	Mr. Jacob Lindenbach, 1971
Mrs. Effie Whittingham, 1958	Miss Stella McKenzie, 1971
Mr. Malcolm Fraser, 1966	Mr. David C. Jones, 1972
Mr. Edgar Smales, 1967	Mrs. Fanny Davidson, 1972
Mr. Benjamin G. Rogers, 1967	Mrs. Mabel Mullins, 1972
Mr. & Mrs. Emerson Williams, 1967	Mrs. Elizabeth Morrell, 1973

THE EDGELEY CEMETERY

In 1882, when the people then settling here decided to build the church, Mr. John Gorrell, one of the leaders of the first Bible Study Group, gave to the Methodist Church the land on which it was built. Here in 1883, the infant baby of Trueman and Katherine Holliday was buried, the earliest burial so marked and the church yard continued to serve as burial ground, becoming the Edgeley Cemetery when the church was moved to Edgeley Village in 1924. A one-acre plot in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section of 22-19-15 W. 2nd. We found no records of its care or history.

In 1911 the W.M.S. passed a motion to spend some money to fix up the shed and fence at the church, Mr. Colter, then minister, to superintend the work.

In later years the U.C.W. applied for the grant which the municipality made available for its upkeep.

With due credit to Mrs. Janet Kinvig and Mrs. F. Jones for the suggestion through the U.C.W., in 1966 a motion was brought before the Church Board and passed, that the Church Board sponsor a "Cemetery Day" annually for the purpose of cleaning up and making the burial ground more attractive. In 1967 as a Centennial project, a grant was used to put up a new entrance. In 1968 the Church Board decided to mark all unmarked graves. Mr. Jim McKinley made the crosses. The Edgeley 4H Club painted the names on and now all graves are marked — four unknown and one hundred and fifty-four named.



Harvest Sunday — decorated by the S.S. pupils under the direction of Mrs. Eunice MacPherson and a fitting picture to close this chapter of our history.



MR. & MRS. CARL ARCHIBALD



MRS. CARRIE COCKWILL & MRS. ALICE BOXALL



MR. & MRS. BILL CLAYTON & TOM



LAUREL FERGUSON



MR. & MRS. ROBERT FERGUSON & FAMILY



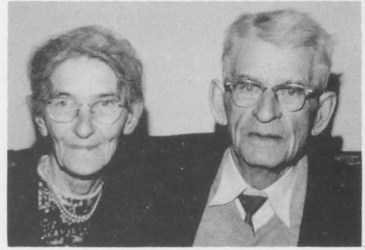
MR. & MRS. KEITH FESSANT



MR. & MRS. HARVEY FESSANT



MISS JANET FRASER



MR. & MRS. W. J. FRASER



MRS. P. FROMBACH



HARVEY & NAOMI HOLLIDAY & BILL



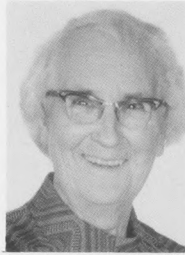
MR. & MRS. BOB HOWDEN & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. ANDREW HOWDEN



MRS. JIM JONES & IRENE



MRS. D. C. JONES



MR. & MRS. M. JONES & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. ROSS KINVIG & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. CHARLIE KINVIG & FAMILY



MRS. A. LINDENBACH



TERRY, SCOTT & GAIL LINDENBACH



MR. & MRS. B. MacPHERSON & LYLE



MR. & MRS. HAROLD MacPHERSON



MR. & MRS. DOUG MADER



MR. & MRS. J. MANSHANDE & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. BILL MORRELL & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. J. MUELLER & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. KEN MADER & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. JIM ORMISTON & GIRLS



MR. & MRS. JOSEPH OLSON



MR. & MRS. BEN ROGERS



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MR. & MRS. TED ROGERS



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Edgeley Congregation — 1882



Qu'Appelle United Church



Interior at Qu'Appelle



Knox United Church Committee of Stewards: (back row) — J. F. Bell, Ed Yates, Gordon James. (2nd row): Cecil Birchard, Tom Robb, Emerson McClellan. (Front row): Wilhelmina (Mrs. E.) McClellan, Forrest Wharran, Evelyn (Mrs. H.) Humphries.



Knox United Church — Session: Rev. Doreen Smith, Harold Morrell, Walter Whittingham, Joe Prior, Cecil Birchard.



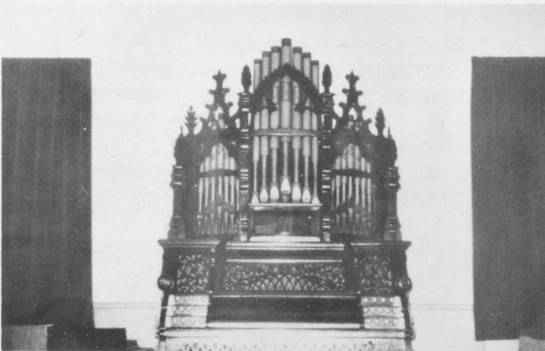
Knox United Church U.C.W.



Communicants' Class, 1973: Lance Reiss, Joey Yates, Jeannie Whittingham, Cathy Yates, Joey Reiss, Timothy Birchard.



1969 Communicants Class — Front row (l - r): Shirley Morrell, Janice Kerr, Brenda Wharran, Norma Quiding, Karen Beck. Back row: Robert Sandberg, Keith Beck, Blair Wharran, Murrough R. Quiding, Calvin Reiss,



Old organ at Qu'Appelle

Qu'Appelle Circuit (Methodist)

Our official records for the Qu'Appelle Circuit include the Qu'Appelle Circuit Membership Roll (1893-1926); Treasurer's Accounts (1893-1925); the Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials (1900-1961); the List of Missions' Subscribers (1909-13; 1924); and our present Minute Books, Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials; and records of the W.M.S., the Ladies' Aid, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and their descendents. For our history before 1893, we must turn to the Edgeley 70th Anniversary Booklet, where we learn that the Methodist Church in Qu'Appelle was built in 1883 and dedicated November, 1883, a few months after that in Edgeley, the Rev. Thos. Lawson being the minister. *The Qu'Appelle Progress* notes that the "new Methodist Church" was built in 1884 at a cost of \$800.00 and dedicated December 5, 1884. Presumably the first structure was destroyed by fire, and it was the new church that was in service till 1925, when the Knox Church became the worship centre for the United Church congregation. The old Methodist parsonage was sold for \$1,000.00 to David Roszell on April 20, 1927. A provisional sale for the old Methodist church is recorded on March 7, 1934: \$250.00 for the building, \$100.00 down, \$15.00 per month, interest on unpaid principal 6% — all monies received to be applied to the mortgage on Knox United Church.

The first extant membership roll has 35 names, and is dated November 2, 1893. There are a further 14 names added, in pencil, on May 14, 1894:

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| 1. J. R. Brown S.S. Sup't. | 19. Eliza J. Starr |
| 2. Annie Brown | 20. Joseph Starr |
| 3. Austin Wismer | 21. David H. Starr, Jr. |
| 4. Emma Wismer | Gifford (22. Isaac Hardy |
| 5. G. W. Bailey | (23. Mary Hardy |
| 6. Elizabeth Bailey | (24. Martha Hardy |
| 7. Nettie Robinson | 25. John Wilson |
| 8. Frank Amas | 26. Jas. L. Brown — Balgonie |
| 9. Mrs. F. Amas | 14 miles S.E. (27. Geo. Bingham |
| 10. Harry Amas | " " " (28. Maggie Bingham |
| 11. Mrs. H. Amas | " " " (29. Thos. Bray |
| 12. Mary A. Glover | local preacher |
| 13. Maria Shore | " " " (30. Mrs. Thos. Bray |
| 14. Susannah Edwards | 31. Elkanah Billings — Sunny South |
| 15. Mary Gibson | 32. Kate Middlemiss |
| 16. Joseph Shelford | Gifford (33. Mr. Tanner |
| 17. Martha Trewatha | (34. Mrs. Tanner |
| 18. David H. Starr, Sr. | 35. Christopher Podham |
- May 14, 1894:**
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| 1. F. Fessant | 8. Lizzie Needham |
| Gifford (2. Wm. Downey | 9. Hy Swears |
| 3. Mr. Evans | 10. S. Henderson |
| 4. Mrs. Evans | 11. Laura Glover |
| 5. Chas. Bailey | 12. Lilly Glover |
| Gifford (6. Geo. Bailey | 13. A. J. Parker |
| (7. Eva Bailey | 14. Mrs. Parker |

At the time of Church Union, there were 68 names on the roll:

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| 1. Frank Amas | 36. Mrs. C. H. King |
| 2. Mrs. Frank Amas | 37. Mrs. J. A. Harris |
| 3. Jennie Amas (non-res.) | 38. Annie Harris |
| 4. Edith Amas (non-res.) | 39. Charles Harris |
| 5. Joseph Fessant | 40. Mrs. G. A. Rea |
| 6. Mrs. Joseph Fessant | 41. Gladys Jennings |
| 7. Edith Fessant | 42. Mae Jennings |
| 8. Lorna Fessant (non-res.) | 43. Kingsley Jennings |
| 9. Geo. M. Thompson | 44. Mrs. Catherine Holliday |
| 10. Mrs. Geo. M. Thompson | 45. Mrs. A. Brown |
| Miss M. Thompson | 46. Geo. Ellis |
| 11. J. H. Moore | 47. Mrs. Geo. Ellis |
| 12. Mrs. J. H. Moore | 48. T. A. Spafford |
| 13. Alvin Moore | 49. Mrs. T. A. Spafford |
| 14. Mrs. T. J. Wilson | 50. Mrs. J. McCrae |
| 15. Edythe Wilson | 51. Fred McCrae |
| 16. Geo. Wilson | 52. Mrs. Geo. Stewart |
| 17. Mrs. T. W. Lewis | 53. Miss Waind (non-res.) |
| 18. Leala Lewis | 54. Wm. Tallman |
| 19. Cecil Lewis | 55. Joseph Pipher |
| 20. Henry Bunn | 56. Miss Hattie Moore |
| 21. Mrs. Henry Bunn | Missionary to India |
| 22. Cecil R. Bunn | 57. Wm. Waite (non-res.) |
| 23. Huntley Weare | 58. Fleda Waite (non-res.) |
| 24. Mrs. Huntley Weare | 59. Ruth Whittingham (non-res.) |
| 25. Robert Weare | 60. E. Cates (non-res.) |
| 26. Henrietta Weare | 61. Wm. Spencer (non-res.) |
| 27. Frederick Weare | 62. Mrs. Wm. Spencer (non-res.) |
| 28. Edgar Fewster | 63. Mrs. P. Booth (non-res. Fiske) |
| 29. Mrs. Edgar Fewster | 64. Mrs. Ruttan (non-res. Regina) |
| 30. Mrs. Jas Whittingham | 65. Rev. E. C. Evans |
| 31. Grover Whittingham | 66. Mrs. E. C. Evans |
| 32. Mrs. Grover Whittingham | 67. W. Bielby — by letter April 25 |
| 33. Mrs. W. L. Waite | 68. Mrs. W. Bielby — by letter April 25 |
| 34. Walter Waite | Mrs. S. Moore — by letter May 25 |
| 35. Mr. C. H. King | |

In 1908, when the post of organist was advertised, there were several applications from the east, the successful candidate being Mrs. L. M. Moore, who was engaged at a salary of \$75.00 per annum.

It is interesting to see the "General Statement for the year ending June 1, 1909 — Qu'Appelle Circuit," the minister at the time being the Rev. W. H. Colter:

Minister's Salary and Moving Expenses:

Qu'Appelle	\$531.20	
Edgeley	481.20	\$1012.40
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Horse keep by Circuit		60.00
Missionary — Qu'Appelle	\$128.15	
Edgeley	109.70	237.85
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Trustee Board — Qu'Appelle		194.00
Connexional Funds Edgeley	\$ 42.35	
Qu'Appelle	112.80	155.15
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Ladies' Aid, Parsonage, Repairs, etc.		
Edgeley	\$ 74.00	
Qu'Appelle	74.00	148.00
Qu'Appelle Church and other expenses		165.25
Sunday School for Running expenses:		
Qu'Appelle	\$ 40.00	
Edgeley	20.00	60.00
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		\$2032.65

Knox Presbyterian

Our records for Knox Presbyterian Church, Qu'Appelle, are: Communicants' Roll (1885-1925); Minutes of Session (1891-1925, plus 1925-1927 minutes for Knox United Church); Minutes of Managers and Congregation (1900-1925). Originally there was also a Baptismal Roll, but we note that on October 9, 1914, the Session moved to request a former minister to return this roll; which apparently he did not do.

The original membership roll, dated August 31, 1885, consists of these names:

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| 1. Mr. Wm. Anderson | 6. Mrs. M. A. McLean |
| 2. Mrs. Wm. Anderson | 7. Mr. Cameron |
| 3. Mr. Bell | 8. Mrs. McKenzie |
| 4. Mrs. Bell | 9. Mrs. McLeish |
| 5. Mr. M. A. McLean | 10. Miss Sarah Rudd (Mrs. Bryce) |

The final roll (June 1, 1925) lists the (concurring) members as:

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| 1. Mrs. W. H. Acres | 31. Mrs. W. Nicholls |
| 2. Mrs. J. D. Anderson | 32. Miss Ada Peterson |
| 3. Major W. A. Adams | 33. Miss Esther Peterson |
| 4. Mr. R. Alexander | 34. Mrs. Rouse |
| 5. Mr. J. F. Bell | 35. Mr. Roy Ross |
| 6. Mr. L. G. Bell | 36. Mr. B. M. Robertson |
| 7. Mrs. L. G. Bell | 37. Mrs. B. M. Robertson |
| 8. Thomas D. Bunn | 38. Mr. James Smith |
| 9. Mrs. I. Chesney | 39. Mrs. James Smith |
| 10. Miss Annie Christie | 40. Miss Frances Smith |
| 11. Mr. Joseph Doolittle | 41. Mr. J. Hall Stewart |
| 12. Mrs. Joseph Doolittle | 42. Mrs. J. Hall Stewart |
| 13. Mr. A. Duncan | 43. Mr. Norman Tyre |
| 14. Mrs. A. Duncan | 44. Mr. Charles Tyre |
| 15. Miss I. Dunwoodie | 45. Mr. H. J. Wilson |
| 16. Mrs. Geo. Ellis | 46. Mrs. H. J. Wilson |
| 17. Mr. John Haggarth | 47. Mr. Charles Woodstock |
| 18. Mrs. John Haggarth | 48. Mrs. Charles Woodstock |
| 19. Miss Sadie Haggarth | 49. Mrs. S. Carrol (nee Jessie Wilson) |
| 20. Mr. John Johnston | 50. Miss Ethel Wilson |
| 21. Mr. M. A. Leet | 51. Mrs. T. D. Bunn |
| 22. Mrs. M. A. Leet | 52. Mrs. R. Alexander |
| 23. Mrs. J. McArthur | 53. Miss Laura Bell |
| 24. Mrs. James McEwen | 54. Miss Dorothy Martha Thomas |
| 25. Mr. Gordon McEwen | 55. Lorne V. Stewart |
| 26. Mrs. A. McKenzie | 56. Oscar Reuben Cheney |
| 27. Mrs. Stanley Nicholls
(nee Jean McKenzie) | 57. Dec. 4, 1925 — Moved by Mr.
Bunn, and seconded by Mr. Moore,
that Dr. Henderson be re-installed,
as his name had been inadvertently
dropped from the Roll. |
| 28. Mrs. W. McKenzie | |
| 29. Mr. R. Moir | |
| 30. Mr. Duncan Mahu | |

On May 31, 1925, removal certificates were granted to the following — both non-concurring members and ordinary transfers:

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| 1. Mr. James Scott | 32. Mrs. J. C. Miller |
| 2. Miss M. E. Dickson | 33. John Murray |
| 3. Mrs. H. W. Nesbitt | 34. Mrs. John Murray |
| 4. Mr. J. L. Proctor | 35. Mrs. Thos. Nicholls |
| 5. Mrs. J. L. Proctor | 36. D. Ramsay |
| 6. Mrs. P. H. McCuaig | 37. D. Robertson |
| 7. Mrs. R. E. Stewart | 38. Mrs. D. Robertson |
| 8. Mrs. H. E. Fisher | 39. Miss Pearl Robertson |
| 9. Miss Alice Fisher | 40. Miss Annie Devline |
| 10. Miss Kathleen Fisher | 41. James Devline, Jr. |
| 11. Mrs. A. C. Reeves | 42. Miss Margaret Devline |
| 12. Miss Norah Fyffe | 43. Miss Ruth Bell |
| 13. Mrs. M. Bell | 44. Miss Margaret Anderson |
| 14. James A. Smith | 45. Mrs. G. Bersea |
| 15. Mrs. J. A. Smith | 46. Miss Margaret Beattie |
| 16. Miss Annie Smith | 47. Mrs. D. Browne |
| 17. Miss Nellie Smith | 48. Mrs. L. A. Bunn |
| 18. James Devline | 49. Dr. A. M. Brown |
| 19. Mrs. James Devline | 50. Mrs. A. M. Brown |
| 20. Miss Laverne Blasdell | 51. Mrs. Isabella Reader |
| 21. Mrs. R. Craig | 52. Mrs. P. Swanson |
| 22. Dr. H. Cochrane — elder | 53. B. Tanner |
| 23. Mrs. Cochrane | 54. C. F. Tanner |
| 24. Mae Cochrane | 55. Miss E. Tanner |
| 25. Miss V. Clark | 56. A. Matheson |
| 26. Mrs. T. B. Hawkins | 57. Mrs. McDiarmid |
| 27. Miss Winnie Howitt | 58. Mrs. W. K. Wilson |
| 28. Mr. F. O. Jenkinson | 59. Miss Martha Ramsay |
| 29. Mrs. F. O. Jenkinson | 60. Mr. John Ramsay — elder |
| 30. John Leitch | 61. Mrs. John Ramsay |
| 31. J. C. Miller — elder | |

The first roll dates back to 1885; but the church was built in 1884. The Manager's record (February, 1900) having received the Deeds of Church Property, "the last instalment having been paid to the Church and Manse Fund."

The first wedding (October, 1884) united Alexander McKenzie and Elspeth Tyre. The bride came from Scotland.

On April 24, 1906, the congregation considered some projected improvements, and saw the architect's plans. On June 27, the contract of Mr. Haw for \$3,117.00 was accepted. By July 13, 1906, building operations were in progress for the new Sanctuary, which was formally dedicated in 1907. The session minutes for January 25, 1907, read in part: "It was agreed to record the satisfaction that the session felt at the completion of our new church building and the very impressive services held in connection with the dedication by the Revd. George Bryce, D.D., Manitoba College, Winnipeg, and Revd. J. S. Maldrew B.A., Souris, Man., and Revd. A. Henderson M.A. of Sintaluta, Sask. on Sabbaths January fifth, thirteenth and twentieth respectively and the hope that the communion services to be observed next Sabbath morning and which brings these dedication services to a close will be a season of fresh consecration with our membership and that the future of our congregation in their New Church Home will be one of increasing spirituality and usefulness." The former sanctuary became the Lecture Room, and, since January 20, 1969, it has been called the Christian Education Centre. The debt incurred over the new sanctuary was not retired till 1944, when, at the meeting

on August 11 of the Committee of Stewards (Knox United Church) it was announced that the recent special drive to pay off the debt had been over-subscribed; and that Confederation Life had accepted \$200.00 plus \$3.00 fee to clear the \$268.40 plus \$3.00 then owing.

Some information from the Minutes of Session: at the first recorded session meeting, July 15, 1891, the minister (John Ferry) and three elders (G. Bersea, L. Bell, and John MacLean) were in attendance. In February, 1892, a notation is made that Mr. Ferry ask, at Presbytery, how Presbytery felt members taking part in Balls should be handled. October 8, 1892, Archibald Mathieson being minister, a "Mathieson's Station" is mentioned as an outside appointment to the pastoral charge, but I cannot find out where it was located. On January 21, 1893, there is mention of "The Qu'Appelle Congregation with its Associated Stations" — not otherwise identified. On March 11, 1894, Mr. Broley was ordained elder, Mr. Bell having resigned. When he moved, Mr. Doolittle and L. G. Bell Jr. were ordained to the eldership. In 1905, Messrs John Ramsay, John McKenzie and Fred Bell became elders (September 24). On November 13, 1906, it was agreed that the Session present the minister (Mr. Tate) with a Gown, on the occasion of the opening of the new church. Mr. Bell and the minister were appointed (December 28, 1906) "to overlook the musical program in connection with the opening social of the new church." From November 1, 1907 to June 12, 1908, there was a problem as to allowing the use of the violin in the Sunday service, but this was resolved in favour of the violin and the choirmaster. Late in 1909 there was an evangelistic campaign, led by a Mr. Greer, and held in co-operation with the Methodist congregation. On March 24, 1912, the session notes the results in a ballot on church union:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against union</i>	<i>Against basis of Union</i>
Elders	2	4	2
Members	20	16	15
Adherents	19	12	8
Total — for:	23		
against:	24		

Federal Union was suggested by three as an alternative. (How the totals were arrived at, I cannot say.) In 1912, the Methodist and Presbyterian congregation apparently united for the summer. On August 20, 1918, the minister was authorized to exchange pulpits with the Methodist pastor at his own discretion. On April 4, 1919, arrangements were made for the Knox Church congregation to co-operate with local sister congregations in endeavoring to promote Spiritual uplift through a series of weeknight services. The new Book of Praise was introduced on December 28, 1919. On February 18, 1920, the congregation at Sunny Slopes voted to change over to the Presbyterian Church, from the Methodist, Mr. Reeves then being the minister at Knox Presbyterian. On June 1, 1920, Dr. Cochran and Mr. J. C. Miller were chosen as elders, and ordained June 20. On January 31, 1922, the following note appears: "The Moderator read a letter from Mr. Frank Amas, Recording Steward of the Qu'Appelle Methodist Church, broaching the subject of a Local Union or Affiliation of the two congregations. Moved by Elder Miller, seconded by Elder Ramsay, and agreed, — that we enquire of the Quarterly Official Board of the Qu'Appelle Methodist Church, if they have definite assurance from their Conference that they will be allowed to separate from Edgeley, and thus be free to enter into negotiations with us. Also, what is their proposed plan for a "Local Union or Affiliation" as mentioned in their communication of the eighteenth day of January last, so that there may be something definite to present to a meeting of the congregation." A congregational meeting to consider the proposal was called for Tuesday, March 7, and the suggestion was

turned down formally: "that in view of the fact that the General Assembly of 1921 has decided to consummate union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches as expeditiously as possible, and, further, in view of the fact that the necessary steps towards such union to be undertaken in conjunction with the other Church have been entrusted to a representative which is to report to the General Assembly in June, 1922; and, therefore, the probability is that within eighteen months or two years the United Church of Canada will be regularly organized and functioning throughout the whole of Canada, therefore, be it resolved that Knox Church maintains its identity for the present." That summer, as in 1921, it was agreed to make similar holiday arrangements with the Methodist Church. (The same arrangements were made again in 1923.) On December 17, 1922 it was agreed to arrange a series of union prayer meetings in Qu'Appelle. On February 1, 1924, names were sent to the Rev. G. Glover, as people sympathetic to the Church union movement, from whom he might get aid toward Union expenses; this being the method of soliciting funds by those opposed to union. It was arranged to hold a meeting regarding Church Union on Palm Sunday, 1925 (April 5). Copies of the United Church of Canada Act were procured beforehand for those wishing to study the matter; the rules and requirements were read over at a public meeting April 3, and a list of those eligible to vote was to be ready for April 5, this being "the Communion Roll as at the tenth of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-four." This list was posted, and the vote was called for May 10, "in the church auditorium, for one hour immediately after the close of the morning and evening services respectively," the vote to be by ballot, H. J. Wilson to be returning officer and Dr. Brown poll clerk, and each side to appoint their own scrutineer. A meeting was called for May 3 by the non-union group, to present the negative side. When the vote was taken (May 10), there were 69 votes *in toto*: 37 for union, and 32 against. The minister announced that he was terminating his pastorate on June 10; that his history of this Congregation was nearly complete; and, when completed, a copy would be sent here. Elders John C. Miller, Dr. H. Cochrane and John Ramsay received certificates of eldership when they removed from the Union congregation.

Knox United Church, Qu'Appelle

At a meeting of the Church Union Committee, May 29, 1925, it was decided to call the Rev. E. C. Evans, the present Pastor of the Methodist Church, to the charge of the United Church at Qu'Appelle, at a salary of \$2,200.00; that we occupy the Presbyterian Church (Knox) and the former Presbyterian manse, and use the Presbyterian Hymn books, for the time being, at least; that the first Union service be conducted in Knox Church, on Sunday, June 14th, at the usual hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Sunday School immediately at the close of the morning service, and service at seven in the evening. (Other necessary motions were also passed). On June 25, 1925, at the first annual congregational meeting, the name "Knox United Church" was chosen. The first Official Board was composed as follows:

SESSION:

Mr. Jos. Doolittle	Mr. Jos. Fessant
Mr. W. H. Bunn	Mr. J. H. Moore
Mr. H. J. Wilson (clerk of session)	Mr. L. G. Bell

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:

Mr. Jas. Smith (chairman)	Mr. Frank Amas
Mr. Wm. Nicholls	Mr. T. J. Wilson
Mr. Alex Duncan	Mr. E. E. Krauter
Mr. W. A. Adams	Mr. T. W. Lewis
Dr. Henderson	Mr. A. E. Nicholls (secretary-treasurer)
Mr. G. M. Thompson	

TRUSTEES:

Mr. W. A. Adams
Mr. G. M. Thompson

Mr. William Nicholls

On June 29, in view of the depression, the minister's salary is given as \$1800 rather than \$2200.

On March 31, 1926, Mr. Evans reported the Presbytery had suggested a division of the pastoral charge, with Edgeley-Avonhurst-Donamar being one Charge, and Qu'Appelle the other. The decision was left to Edgeley, who preferred to stay with Qu'Appelle. That same year, the Board offered the continuing Presbyterians the free use of the former Methodist church and equipment.

In 1927, the stewards requested the session to revise the services, especially to shorten the sermons; or the stewards would not be able to keep up the financial end.

In 1928, the question of "exchanging Edgeley for McLean" was raised, with a view to having an opinion to express to Presbytery. (McLean had left the Qu'Appelle Circuit in 1906, and formed a separate Charge — with its outside points — till 1952).

In 1928, Messrs. R. F. Meadows, Frank Amas, Dr. Henderson and J. Hall Stewart were named to the eldership. In 1929, it was reported that a delegate from Knox — Lorne Stewart — had been named premier of the Boy's Parliament in Regina. On February 9, 1930, Lorne was approved by the Session as a candidate for the ministry. On January 26, 1931, at a congregational meeting, Lorne was recommended to the ministry. As Dr. Tannahill tells us: "Lorne Stewart graduated from the university here and took part of his Theology at St. Andrew's and for his last year or two in Theology he went direct to Emmanuel College in Toronto. While there he became involved in Big Brother work and shortly after became a Juvenile Court Judge in the City of Toronto and succeeded Judge Mott as head of the Juvenile and Family Court in the City of Toronto. For all I know he is still there unless he has recently retired. In 1937 at the request of the Saskatchewan Conference by a majority vote (for the motion was opposed) he was ordained by the Toronto Conference but did not serve at any time in the ministry."

By 1933, the finances were very low, and the Stewards asked Mr. Would if he would accept \$1,000.00 per annum in salary. Nationally, the M & M branch was trying to bring ministers' salaries up to \$1,200.00. At the annual congregational meeting January 30, 1935, Mr. Thompson stated that "it was very hard to collect much money when so many people were living on relief, and unfortunately he was the chairman of the relief committee, and so knew the general conditions only too well." By October 29, 1935, the mortgage had been reduced to \$779.60.

On January 7, 1937, the Qu'Appelle Charge petitioned Regina Presbytery to belong to them rather than to Moosomin Presbytery.

On February 10, 1937, special mention was made of the case erected in the Church, containing the "Old Bible, original Communion Set, etc." which last had been purchased by L. G. Bell soon after Union, and presented to the Church.

On September 23, 1934, Mr. Edgecombe, who had been called to the Charge April 26, 1934, reported that he had made 115 calls and visited 102 homes! On December 18, 1935, he reported 537 calls for the year!

In 1940, we find the following financial statement:

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Jan. 1 - June 11, 1940

Receipts: \$519.45

We owe: \$418.04

Payments: \$519.45

In despair, someone has written under this in letters half an inch high: H O W.

In 1944, the mortgage was down to \$263.31, which was discharged by a special collection.

In 1952, Qu'Appelle was still in with Qu'Appelle Presbytery. I do not know when the change-over to Regina Presbytery was made, though it was before I was settled at Maryfield in 1955.

On September 24, 1957, the Stewards decided to demolish the Manse barn and build a garage; and on January 16, 1958, Mr. Montour's thanks are recorded in the minutes for the meeting of the Committee of Stewards.

At the close of 1960, we had on our roll (for the whole pastoral Charge) 255 resident members and 22 non-resident members. On December 31, 1972, there were 166 resident members and 43 non-resident members.

In 1968, there were extensive renovations to the Lecture Room, the kitchen and the church lobbies. On January 20, 1969, at a special congregational meeting, the Lecture Room officially became "Knox United Church Christian Centre."

Inquiries regarding a new organ were started at a meeting on January 5, 1970; by the next meeting of the Stewards, the new organ had been obtained. Mr. Bell tells us of hours he spent pumping the old organ, so that its sound would carry — but even so, he regretted its sale.

Some of those who have served on the Committee of Stewards since the time of Union are: W. A. Adams, Frank Amas, Jos. Fessant, G. M. Thompson, James Smith, W. H. Bunn, William Nicholls, Alex Duncan, Dr. Henderson, T. J. Wilson, E. E. Krauter, T. W. Lewis, A. E. Nicholls, J. H. Moore, Harris, A. C. Thompson, J. Hall Stewart, F. Wilde, J. Sommerville, J. F. Bell, F. J. Truran, R. S. Johnston, J. G. Gunn, Jos. Prior, J. T. Coulin, C. J. Wingfield, T. T. Kenworthy, R. N. Pletch, Dr. Simpson, E. McClellan, J. Kraus, Ted Storry, Ross McCullough, H. R. Humphries, Mrs. A. Moore, Gerald Teece, Forrest Wharran, Roy Anderson, H. H. Morrell, Mrs. J. Prior, Mrs. E. McClellan, Mrs. E. Humphries, T. Robb, W. Whittingham, Mrs. L. Wharran, Mrs. Vi Kerr, C. Birchard, Ed Yates, G. James, Frank Kopp.

Some of the elders since the time of Union have been: Jos. Doolittle, W. H. Bunn, H. J. Wilson, Jos. Fessant, J. H. Moore, L. G. Bell, J. Hoggarth, R. F. Meadows, J. Hall Stewart, Frank Amas, F. J. Truran, J. D. Gunn, A. Moore, Jos. Prior, Jas. Sommerville, Tom Kenworthy, C. J. Wingfield, H. H. Morrell, Ted Storry, Ross McCullough, Walter Whittingham, C. Birchard.

The trustees at the time of Union were: W. A. Adams, G. M. Thompson, Wm. Nicholls. H. H. Morrell is currently a trustee; and I do not know who else has served.

Some of the organists over the years have been: Mrs. Alec Duncan, from 1925 on; Mrs. (Rev.) Black, from 1945 on; Mrs. Wingfield, 1953-63; Mrs. Jack Storry. Our choir leaders since Union have been Jack Wilson, 1925-45, and Alvin Moore, 1945-63. For the Junior Choir, some of the leaders have been Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Lorna Purdy, Miss Parrott, and Mrs. F. Wilde, and the piano has been played by Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Clarkson and Mrs. Black, among others.

For the Ladies' Aid, at the organizational meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 1925, the following were put into office — Honorary President, Mrs. A. MacKenzie; President, Mrs. H. J. Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Henderson; Secretary, Mrs. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Thompson; Pianist, Mrs. Wm. Nichols; Flower Committee, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. H. J. Wilson; Manse Committee, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Adams; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Leet and Mrs. Truran for east side of town, Mrs. S. Moore and Mrs. Jennings for west side; Church Committee, Mrs. Leet, Mrs. G. M. Thompson, Mrs. H. J. Wilson; Committee to receive subscriptions to *The New Outlook*, Mrs. H. J. Wilson and Mrs. T. T. Wilson.

At a meeting in 1942 (?) the ladies decided to serve the following at the annual Congregational Supper, January 19, 1942:

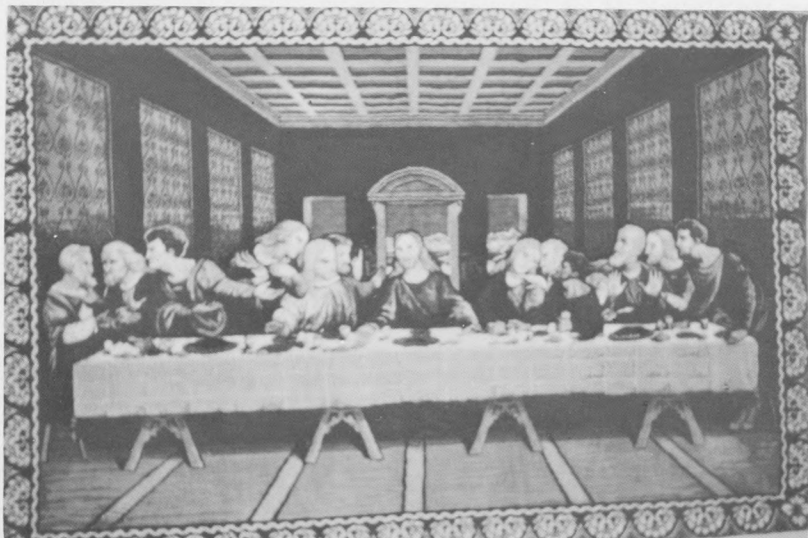
12 meat pies, with biscuit top	3 qts. cream
10 doz. rolls	12 sweet pies
2 lb. butter	Tea and $\frac{1}{3}$ lb. coffee. Sugar
2 qts. pickles	

Four lots of meal from ladies at the country to be distributed to those ladies making meat pies. (Pies include potatoes, onions, thick gravy).

The financial report given in 1941 shows \$262.05 raised, and a bank balance of \$1.77, for a total of \$263.82; and \$262.71 spent, and a bank balance of \$1.11, for a total of \$263.82. For 1951, the budget was \$694.51; and for 1962 it was \$1,165.71.

I have no list of Ladies' Aid, W.A. or U.C.W. presidents through the years, but the following names have been given to me: Mrs. Forrest Wharran, Mrs. Jos. Prior, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Vi Kerr, Mrs. Alvin Moore (5 years), Mrs. Jack Wilson (14 years), Mrs. Gunn (7 years).

Regarding the Sunday School, Jos. Prior was Superintendent for many years; and Henrietta Moore tells me that she served as Primary Teacher for 38 years. For some time there has not been a Sunday School in operation, but the Superintendent, Mrs. H. H. Morrell, has arranged Christmas parties and picnics recently, in co-operation with the Anglican and Presbyterian churches. At present the Sunday School has two classes going: one for older students, under the leadership of Joe Prior; and one for younger students, under Miss Ethel Parrott.



Knox United Church Members and Adherents Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan

(All Addresses are Qu'Appelle unless listed)

Acres, Mrs. W. H. College Ave., Regina	Parrott, Miss Ethel
Annis, Mr. & Mrs. J.	Pearce, Mrs. A.
Barber, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.	Prior, Mr. & Mrs. Joe
Beck, Mr. & Mrs. T.	Quiding, Mrs. A.
Beck, Mrs. Karen (Jones)	Quiding, Florence
Beck, Dale	Quiding, Arthur
Beck, Keith	Quiding, Norma
Birchard, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Avonhurst, Sask.	Quiding, Murrough
Birchard, Randall	Reece, Mr. & Mrs. Ben
Birchard, Kevin Avonhurst, Sask.	Reece, Mrs. Mary
Bell, Mr. & Mrs. J. F.	Reiss, Calvin
Bolton, Mrs. Alma	Reiss, Mrs. T.
Echo Lodge, Qu'Appelle, Sask.	Robb, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Bolton, Miss Florence	Robb, Mrs. Joe Regina, Sask.
Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Laird	Robb, Mr. Bill Indian Head, Sask.
Crone, Mrs. George	Robb, Mr. & Mrs. Dave
Hardy, Mrs. O.	Sandberg, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben
Howie, Mr. Linton	Sandberg, Robert
Howden, Mr. & Mrs. Jack	Sommerville, Mr. David
Humphries, Mr. & Mrs. Howard	Steven, Mrs. David
James, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon	Storry, Mrs. Frances
Kopp, Mrs. Ann	Storry, Mr. & Mrs. J. C.
Kopp, Mr. & Mrs. Frank	Storry, Mr. Fred
Krause, Mr. & Mrs. John	Wharran, Mr. & Mrs. F. J.
McCullough, Mrs. Agnes	Wharran, Miss Brenda
McCullough, Mr. Larry	Wharran, Blair
McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. R. E.	Whittingham, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
McIllwaine, Mrs. Wm.	Whittingham, Miss Margaret
McGillivray, Miss V.	Williams, Mrs. M. E.
Mader, Mrs. H. E.	Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. George
Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin	Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. F. A.
Morrell, Mr. & Mrs. Harold H.	Wilson, Mrs. Ruth
Morrell, Miss Shirley	Yates, Mr. & Mrs. E.
Morrell, Mr. Gordon	





MR. & MRS. J. ANNIS



MR. & MRS. BILL BARBER



MR. & MRS. THOMAS BECK



DALE BECK



KAREN BECK (Jones) & KEITH BECK



MR. & MRS. J. F. BELL



MR. & MRS. C. BIRCHARD & SONS



ALMA & FLORENCE BOLTON



REV. DOREEN SMITH



MR. & MRS. LAIRD CRAIG



MR. & MRS. H. R. HUMPHRIES &
COLLEEN STEPHEN



MR. & MRS. G. JAMES & FAMILY



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MRS. A. McCULLOUGH



MR. & MRS. HAROLD MORRELL



MR. & MRS. ALVIN MOORE



SHIRLEY MORRELL



MR. & MRS. J. PRIOR



MR. & MRS. QUIDING & FAMILY



MRS. M. B. REECE



MR. & MRS. TONY REISS & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. TOM ROBB



MR. & MRS. R. SANDBERG & FAMILY



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MRS. FRANCES STORRY



MR. & MRS. F. WHARRAN & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. W. R. WHITTINGHAM & FAMILY



MRS. RUTH WILSON &
MISS MARGARET WHITTINGHAM



MR. & MRS. GEORGE WILLOX



MR. & MRS. ED YATES & FAMILY





McLean - Bethel United Church



Interior at McLean

McLean Circuit

(Dates are approximate to 1925)

BETHEL (also known as Gifford's or Starr's Point):

The earliest official records of these congregations unfortunately seem to have been lost. However, a Membership Roll for the Qu'Appelle Circuit, dated November 2, 1893, has listings not just for Qu'Appelle and Edgeley, but also for "the McLean Appointment" — with two names: (1) Mr. Etty; (2) Miss Etty. The name "Gifford" occurs beside some names on this roll, which is reproduced under the Qu'Appelle history. These names are on the separate Gifford roll in 1895:

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| 1. D. H. Starr, Sr. | 13. Eva Bailey — |
| 2. Joseph Starr | full member Oct. 11, 1896 |
| 3. D. H. Starr, Jr. | |
| 4. Isaac Hardy | <i>There are six names added in red</i> |
| 5. Mary Hardy | <i>ink, in 1896:</i> |
| 6. Martha Hardy | 14. Mrs. Downing — O.T. Mar., 1896 |
| 7. Thos. Bray | 15. Clara Hardy — O.T. Mar., 1896 |
| 8. Mrs. Thos. Bray | full member Oct. 11, 1896 |
| 9. Mr. Tanner | 16. Maud Hardy — O.T. April, 1896 |
| 10. Mrs. Tanner | 17. Emma McMichael — |
| 11. Wm. Downing | full member Oct. 11, 1896 |
| 12. Geo. Bailey — | 18. Charlotte McMichael |
| full member Oct. 11, 1896 | 19. Mr. Cates |

By Conference, 1896, there were 11 full members, and 7 members 'On Trial' — the Methodist category for those who had declared their desire to join the Church, before they were formally accepted six months or so later.

The last Gifford's roll, undated, has thirteen members, with a fourteenth added in pencil:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Isaac Hardy — Steward | 8. Effie McMichael |
| 2. Mrs. I. Hardy | 9. Fred Cates — Soc. Rep. |
| 3. Thos. Bray — Local Preacher | 10. Charlie Cates |
| 4. Mrs. T. Bray | 11. Ettie Cates |
| 5. William Downing | 12. Mr. Tanner |
| 6. Mrs. W. Downing | 13. Mrs. Tanner |
| 7. George Bailey — Steward | 14. Mrs. W. Hardy |

In 1901 Mr. Bray resigned as Sunday School Superintendent, having undertaken Pastoral work on the Balgonie Field; the above Roll, therefore, must be dated before he left in 1901. From 1904-05 there is no mention of Gifford's in the Qu'Appelle records; and in the Gifford's Sunday School records of 1906, the minister's name is given as Rev. J. Would (rather than Rev. John Laycock, the Qu'Appelle minister), so we suppose that Gifford's — along with McLean and Fairview — formed a separate Circuit from 1905 or 1906.

In the early 1880's religious instruction centered around the Sunday School conducted by an elderly settler named Wilson, in George Spencer's homestead shack. Mr. Spencer was then a widower with four children. Mr. Wilson continued this work until his demise. His body was found beside the plow he was evidently trying to repair, by his son-in-law, Mr. J. P. Brown, who at that time — I believe — was superintendent of the Qu'Appelle Methodist Sunday School.

After that, services were held intermittently in the settlers' homes or in the Grassington rural school house, conducted by ministers from Qu'Appelle.

The earliest official records we can find are the minutes of a meeting of the members of the Methodist Church at Gifford's which took place at the

morning service on Sunday, September 2, 1894, for the purpose of re-organizing the Sabbath School. Rev. W. C. Bunt, Superintendent of the Circuit, presided at the meeting.

Gifford's was a log house built on his homestead by Maurice Gifford who had been an officer in the British Army and served as a Scout in the Rebellion of '85. The house was used for several years as day school during the week and for church and Sunday School on the Sabbath.

When Starr's Point School was built (1895), Church Services and Sunday School were held in the school, and from November, 1910, in the newly-built church, Bethel. Some Presbyterian services were also held in this district, in the Grassington School (demolished in 1912).



Bethel Church



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Matthews. Mr. Matthews chairman of the Board of Stewards for many years. Mrs. Matthews church organist.

FAIRVIEW (Davin):

In 1888, Alfred Andrews, the Methodist minister at Qu'Appelle, preached at Davin twice a month. Thomas Bray was asked to preach there on the alternate Sundays, and it was under his leadership that the stone church at Davin (Fairview Methodist Church) was built in 1903. The official opening was August 18, 1903; and, appropriately, the cornerstone was laid by Mrs. Thos. Bray. At the time of the 50th Anniversary, August 2, 1953, the student minister was R. L. Nagus and the preacher the Rev. R. W. K. Elliott, then Superintendent of Home Missions for Southern Saskatchewan.



Fairview Church — Davin

We do not have any Membership Rolls from Fairview Church, but in 1905 the members of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavour were:

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| 1. Mrs. R. J. Brown (Pres.) | 4. John Norris (Vice-Pres.) |
| 2. Mr. R. J. Brown | 5. Wm. A. J. Witham (Sec.-Treas.) |
| 3. Edwin Norris | 6. Mr. Jas. Norris (Assoc. Member) |

At a meeting October 22, 1932, at Levi Shaw's house, there were three trustees present: E. Bell, L. Shaw, and (presumably) Emerson Shaw. The records show the following as having been Stewards at one time or another: Alb. Brown, Emerson Shaw, Ed Bell, E. H. Rollins, P. Shaw, Geo. Brown; and certain others are mentioned as District Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bell, Mr. Levi Shaw, and Miss Mary Shaw. Other names mentioned are: Nelson Shaw, Don Copeland.

On December 15, 1943, a Pulpit Bible and Collection Plate were ordered. On August 14, 1952, "Mr. Quigley gave a discussion on the arrangement of the field that consists of Fairview, Edgeley, Bethel, McLean, Avonhurst, Qu'Appelle, Edgeley," and a student minister was requested for the Fairview, McLean, Avonhurst and Bethel part.

Along with Bethel, from 1905-06 to 1952, Fairview had been in a separate Pastoral Charge with McLean. In 1957, because of poor attendance, it was decided that services would be held at Fairview every other Sunday for the summer; and that the church be closed temporarily, for the year 1958. In 1959 Fairview separated itself from the Pastoral Charge, a financial settlement being made; and from that time, it has been served occasionally from Balgonie.

McLEAN:

The first Membership Roll for the McLean appointment has two names on it: Mr. Etty and Miss Etty. Mr. Etty is mentioned along with Isaac Hardy as a Steward for McLean District. Services apparently were first held in the McLean School house.

Our next official records from McLean start August 14, 1909, when "following its formation by Quarterly Board of Balgonie Circuit, the Building Committee held a short meeting. Rev. W. H. Colter in Chair." Others present were Mr. J. G. Matthews (Pres.), Mr. A. Stewart (Sec.-Treas.), Mr. Wm. Packham, and Rev. Surtees. Plans for the projected Church were to be prepared by Mr. Milton, architect, Regina. The final motion was to add to the committee Messrs F. Pedlar and G. A. Carroll. Mr. Geo. McMichael, Mr. J. R. Logan, Mr. Mead, Mr. Ecob and Mr. Phipps, were later added, the first two of these being named Superintendents of Building. The first trustees were Messrs J. G. Matthews, Wm. Packham, Thos. Bray, J. W. Cowan and Alex Stewart.

Plans submitted by Story & Van Egmond were formally accepted on September 7, and it was agreed to advertise for tenders. At the next meeting, the tender of Bruce & Teakles, Regina, for \$1,485.60 was accepted. The building was to be completed by November 25, 1909. At the meeting September 28. Mr. Pedlar was named to help the Sec.-Treas. to collect subscriptions. On December 11, the builders were given to June 1, 1910 to finish the building; the builders to pay the difference in insurance. On April 25, it was moved that Rev. E. A. Davis take charge of the dedication of the church — then planned for May 29 — and that Rev. O. Darwin be invited to take part. The committee wound up their business on July 13, their work well done.

The dedication — June 26, 1910 — was well and enthusiastically attended. There was both a morning and evening service, at which Mr. Darwin preached. (The write-up in *The Advertiser* — by Tom Bray — gives the text and substance of the sermons, which we gather were very appropriate to the occasion). On the Monday, the church was well filled in the evening, with visitors from the outside points and from Balgonie. Mr. Bray was in the chair, and a financial report (by Alex Stewart) and several speeches were made, by Revs. Lock, Ecob — the pastor — and Darwin. Tribute was paid to the Rev. A. Matheson, formerly of Knox Presbyterian, Qu'Appelle (he lived on a farm near Edgeley), who had "laid the foundation of good works in McLean district in pioneer days" — so we have here an indication that in McLean as well as Bethel, Qu'Appelle and Edgeley there had been a good spirit of co-operation among the different denominations. The organist on Monday evening was Mrs. B. D. Smith. Following the meeting, the McLean ladies served supper in the school house.

The Manse at McLean was built in 1923. Before that the minister lived in rented quarters.

Our next official records for McLean start in March, 1935, when the minister is Mr. McLaren, the Clerk of Session Mr. Suggitt, and Mr. Hillstead the Sunday School Superintendent. There were 42 on the Membership Roll. In 1939 there were five preaching appointments, McLean, Bethel and Fairview being served one Sunday, and Donamar, Avonhurst and McLean the alternate Sundays. In 1943 Donamar was dropped; and from this year, until 1948, the Pastoral Charge was served by Professor Wagg. (The following year, Prof. Wagg was chairman of the Regina Presbytery).

In the summer of 1948, and until 1951, McLean was supplied by summer students. In 1952, with its outside points, it went in with Qu'Appelle. For the summer a student was still required, and we have the names of Glen McPherson (1952), R. Nagus (1953), and Edgar Embury (date not known). The last meeting of the McLean Charge "held to wind up all business pertinent thereto" was on July 23, 1952. "A new Charge has been organized and amalgamating the old Charge with Qu'Appelle and Edgeley."

McLean - Bethel

In 1960, Bethel having stopped as a preaching point, the Bethel church was brought into McLean and affixed to the McLean church, to form "The Roland Spencer Youth Centre." This Centre was freshly decorated in 1972. It serves not only as a Youth Centre, but as a meeting room for official Board meetings, Presbyterian rallies, showers, gatherings after funerals, and so on; it is hard to imagine how the church could function without this addition.

Mrs. Matthews has told me a couple of unrelated items of interest: in the Hungry Thirties, the Rev. Mr. Cree got a carload of vegetables and fruit from Ontario. (He served McLean from 1936 to 1939).

The organ in the Youth Centre is the one which Rev. Gibson (Mrs. Matthew's father) brought out from Ontario when he was called to the Avonhurst Charge. When the Avonhurst church closed, this organ was presented to McLean-Bethel United Church. Although an electronic organ now takes its place in the sanctuary, the old organ still performs well whenever it is called upon.

The following were the officials in the Church at the time the photographs were taken:



SESSION:

Mr. A. G. Matthews, Clerk of Session; Mr. Horace Bray (deceased in 1972 and this vacancy was filled by his son, Mr. Wilbert Bray, at the Annual Meeting in January, 1973), Mr. Harold Bray.

TRUSTEES:

Harold Bray, A. G. Matthews, Wilbert Bray.



McLEAN - BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent, K. H. Jackson; Assistant Superintendent, Douglas Gillert; Beginners' Class, Miss Debbie Coghill and Miss Marietta Matthews; Primary Class, Mrs. W. Boulding; Junior Class, Mrs. Horace Bray; Intermediate Class, Mrs. Albert Matthews; Assistant, Douglas Gillert; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Horace Bray; Pianist, Miss Maureen Coghill; Musical Director, Mrs. K. H. Jackson.



COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:

K. H. Jackson (chairman)
 Mrs. Frank Kennedy (secretary)
 Mrs. Wilbert Bray (treasurer)
 Wilbert Bray
 Frank Kennedy
 Roy Matthews
 Simon Gair
 Cliff Bray
 Nelson Covey
 Cecil Paul (deceased in 1972 and vacancy filled at Annual Meeting January 1973 by Andrew Gillert)
 Mrs. D. McMurchie (U.C.W. Rep.)



MEMBERS OF THE U.C.W.

Mrs. Jim MacPherson (president)	Mrs. Fernie Cates
Mrs. Nelson Covey (secretary)	Mrs. Simon Gair
Mrs. Horace Bray (treasurer)	Mrs. Frank Kennedy
Mrs. Joe Ashworth	Mrs. Fred Hutton
Mrs. Cliff Bray	Mrs. Wm. Martin
Mrs. Harold Bray	Mrs. A. G. Matthews
Mrs. Wilbert Bray	Mrs. D. McMurchie
Mrs. W. Boulding	Mrs. Rose Traub
Mrs. Ernie Cates	

Members and Adherents — McLean - Bethel United Church

Ashworth, Mrs. Joe
Ashdown, Mr. & Mrs. Jack
Bird, Messrs. John & Tom
Bell, Mrs. Lewis
Boast, Misses Alice, Bessie & Nellie
Boulding, Mrs. Wm.
Bray, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford
Bray, Mr. & Mrs. Harold
Bray, Mrs. Horace
Bray, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert
Bray, Mr. Ronald
Bray, Miss Karen
Cates, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie
Cates, Mr. & Mrs. F. O.
Cates, Mr. & Mrs. Jim
Coghill, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.
Covey, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson
Covey, Miss Sherry
Covey, Mr. Alex
Cowan, Mr. Eric
Ekberg, Mr. & Mrs. John
Gair, Mr. & Mrs. Simon
Gilby, Mr. Jim
Gillert, Mr. & Mrs. Herman
Gillert, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
Gillert, Mr. Douglas
Gorniak, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Heinemann, Mr. & Mrs. Don
Hutton, Mrs. Fred
Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith

Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Kuntz, Mrs. Gail (nee Bray)
Lockert, Mr. Bill
Lockert, Mr. & Mrs. John
McIllwaine, Mr. & Mrs. Bill
McIllwaine, Mr. & Mrs. R.
McMurchie, Mr. & Mrs. D.
McNaughton, Mrs. Patricia (nee Bray)
McPhee, Mr. & Mrs. J. M.
MacPherson, Mr. & Mrs. Jim
Martin, Mr. & Mrs. W.
Martin, Miss Dorothy
Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Albert
Matthews, Mr. Henry
Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Roy
Matthews, Miss Marietta
Mattick, Mr. & Mrs. Russell
Moffitt, Mrs. Marie
Petford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney
Sanson, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Sanson, Mr. & Mrs. Tim
Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Glen
Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph
Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Sid
Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Traub, Mrs. Rose
Watts, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Winters, Mr. & Mrs. E.
Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. W.





MR. & MRS. JOHN ASHDOWN & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. CLIFF BRAY



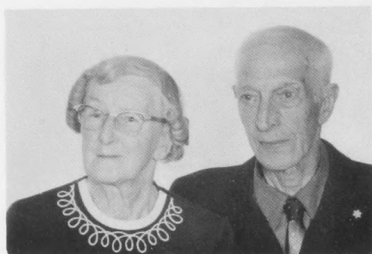
MRS. KATE BRAY



HORACE BRAY & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. WILBERT BRAY & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. HAROLD BRAY



BONNIE & BESSIE BOAST



MR. & MRS. FERNIE CATES & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. ERNIE CATES



MRS. ELIZABETH COVEY



MR. & MRS. JOHN EKBERG & RON



MR. & MRS. SIMON GAIR & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. DON HEINEMANN & BOYS



MR. & MRS. FRED HUTTON



MR. & MRS. KEITH JACKSON & FAMILY



MR. & MRS. FRANK KENNEDY



MR. & MRS. JOHN LOCKERT



MR. BILL LOCKERT, FRANCIS & RICHARD



MR. & MRS. DOUGALD McMURCHIE



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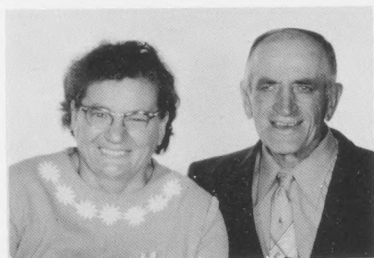
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MR. & MRS. RUDY SEIBEL



MR. & MRS. E. WINTERS



MR. & MRS. JIM WATTS



Avonhurst - Donamar - Pasqua and Muscow - Petung

Our official records for the Avonhurst Pastoral Charge are the Minutes of Session (1906-25, with gaps); the Baptismal Roll (1906-34); the Membership Roll (1907-68); Treasurer's Accounts (1944-68); and the Minute Book (1956-68).

AVONHURST:

Our knowledge of the Charge prior to 1906 comes from Eunice (Mrs. Bernice) MacPherson: The first Edgeley school was moved to Avonhurst shortly after the Edgeley stone school was built, in 1900, to be used as a non-denominational church (located north of Avonhurst on the hill by the cemetery). This lack of affiliation did not work, so the church became Presbyterian, later becoming United.

The Minutes of Session state: "The Rev. William Wilson was inducted into the Pastoral Charge of Balgonie and Avonhurst on Tuesday, June 26, 1906, at Balgonie, and preached his first sermon on Sunday, July 1, 1906.

"On Sunday, September 23, 1906, the pastor announced that on the following Sunday the members of the Church were to come prepared to elect three of their membership to the office of Elder." Those elected were Messrs Grey, Smith and Wilcox, who were ordained to the Eldership, October 14, 1906.



Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, 1908



There were eleven who claimed membership at the time of organization, namely:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Louis Smith — Elder | 7. Jas. Willox — Elder |
| 2. Josephus Grey — Elder | 8. Mrs. Parish |
| 3. Thos. Dingwall | 9. Arthur Trafford |
| 4. Mrs. Thos. Dingwall | 10. Hugh MacIntosh |
| 5. Mr. Gordon McIvor | 11. Mrs. John Scott |
| 6. Mrs. Gordon McIvor | |

To these were added on Sunday, October 21, 1906:

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Albert Smith | 5. William Knox |
| 2. Geo. Willox | 6. Jas. McIvor |
| 3. William Chubb | 7. Lena McIvor |
| 4. Mrs. Jas. Willox | 8. Marshall McIvor |

BY LETTER:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Morrell McKenzie | 3. Marion McDougall |
| 2. Alexander M. McKenzie | |

The first extant membership roll (to be dated sometime before August 11, 1907) also includes: Janet Parish and Caroline Parish. The Session Minutes end February 15, 1908, Mr. Wilson still being the minister and serving the appointment from Balgonie.

The Rev. R. B. Heron is the next minister of whom we have record. He administered baptism from 1911 to 1921, and officiated at the Lord's Supper in September, 1914, no service of the kind having been held for several years previous to this. Mr. Heron at that time farmed in the Donamar district; and the Pastoral Charge consisted of Avonhurst, the Indian Reserve church serving both Pasqua and Muscow-Petung reservations, and Donamar School.



Mrs. W. J. Gibson and part of Indian Congregation after Christmas Tree Party at Indian church 1926.



Indian Church on Pasqua Reserve

Mr. Heron was succeeded by the Rev. L. A. Muttitt, M.A., B.D., who stayed till 1924. The Session Minutes note that in 1921-22 those taking Communion numbered 23, 22 ("many members of the Church being absent"), and 20.

In 1925 the congregation voted for union. The minister at the time of voting was the Rev. J. A. McKenzie. He was the father of Morrell McKenzie, a local preacher, and McRae, Norman and Dundonald McKenzie — enjoying a typical minister's vacation of preaching! (McRae McKenzie was sec'y-Treasurer for years).



Mrs. J. W. Crowe



Mr. and Mrs. Morley Crowe and Richard



**McRae McKenzie —
and left in 1943.**



**Morrell McKenzie —
came from Nova Scotia in 1906; deceased in 1935.**

The first minister after Church Union was the Rev. William J. D. Gibson. The Gibsons came to Avonhurst on October 16, and a daughter of the manse (Mrs. Albert Matthews) shares this story with us:

A meeting of the Avonhurst Ladies' Aid was called for October 21, 1925. This was held at the Avonhurst Manse. For various reasons, only two ladies attended the meeting — Mrs. J. W. Crowe and Mrs. H. Walker. The two of them decided to go ahead with their meeting and they proceeded to discuss having a fowl supper. Alice Crowe said to Leeta Walker: "Well, Leeta, shall we have a fowl supper?" Leeta was rather deaf, so Alice's voice had to be raised. "Well," said Leeta, "I guess we might as well have one. We need the money."

The outcome — a very successful fowl supper was held on November 11 of that year in the little Avonhurst Church on the hill. Plenty of delicious food served to a large crowd. How did they do it? No mystery here! All the absent members plus others of the congregation accepted the fact that there was to be a fowl supper and all pitched in and helped. By the way — no conveniences in the church; no kitchen, dishes, water — nothing but pews, hymn books, organ and pulpit.

Gwen Matthews adds a footnote: the first Ladies' Aid meeting at Avonhurst was held in 1921.

In 1930, the church on the Reserve was closed. From 1931, the Charge was served from McLean. In 1952, with McLean and the associated appointments, Avonhurst went in with Qu'Appelle. Records show that in 1961, the membership was as follows:

Qu'Appelle	98 members
Edgeley	87 "
McLean	58 "
Avonhurst	12 "

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(There were 22 non-resident members also in the Charge). Donamar had closed in 1942, the congregation going variously to Edgeley and Avonhurst.



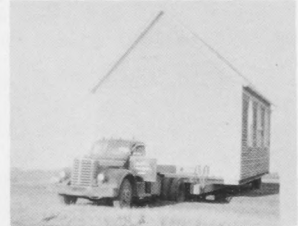
Avonhurst Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. P. Surgeon, 1937.



**Church after the storm showing
the original site**



**1944 — Avonhurst church left on the road
after a windstorm.**



**Moving the church from the
Reserve to Avonhurst
in 1944.**

"In 1944," Mrs. MacPherson writes, "a cyclone passed through, blowing the Avonhurst church out of the cemetery on to the road. It was then sold to a farmer and the church from the Reserve purchased and moved into the village of Avonhurst. Due to the high water table it had to be moved onto a new foundation later (1962)." On December 16, 1968, the Avonhurst church was officially closed, the members at that time being:

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| 1. Mrs. Irene Lanz | 18. Muriel Jones |
| 2. John Lanz | 20. Elaine Crowe |
| 3. Bernice MacPherson | 21. Mrs. Rose Crowe |
| 4. Mrs. Dorothy Tate | 22. Sandra Crowe |
| 5. Mrs. Mabel Jones | 23. Mrs. Edith Frombach |
| 6. Mr. Robert Chubb | 24. Diana Berg |
| 10. Douglas Lanz | 25. Mrs. Blanche Berg |
| 11. Mrs. Phyllis Williamson | 26. Malcolm Lanz |
| 13. Mrs. Ethel Willox | 27. John Birchard |
| 14. Mr. George Willox | 28. Marilyn Willox |
| 15. Mrs. Doris Birchard | 30. David Brian Birchard |
| 16. Mr. Cecil Birchard | 31. Randall Gordon Birchard |
| 17. Jack Jones | 32. Kevin Jay Birchard |
| 19. Sharon Jones | |

The list of ministers for this Charge is compiled as best I could from existing records and the recollections of local people, up to 1925; then we have the official United Church records. (See list of ministers at beginning of this history).

DONAMAR:

For Donamar we have little material. The first Roll is given here, and it presumably should be dated September, 1920:

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| 1. E. Morrison — elder | 5. David Hardy | (on 1918 Roll |
| 2. Mrs. E. Morrison | 6. Mrs. David Hardie | (at Avonhurst, |
| 3. Ethel Cockwill — | | (but transferr- |
| P. of F. Sept., 1920 | | (ed to |
| 4. Julia Cockwill | | (Donamar. |
| P. of F. Sept., 1920 | 7. Mrs. John Fraser | |

The last Roll is dated 1932, but it has entries to 1942, when the church was closed. (The school in which services were held still stands).

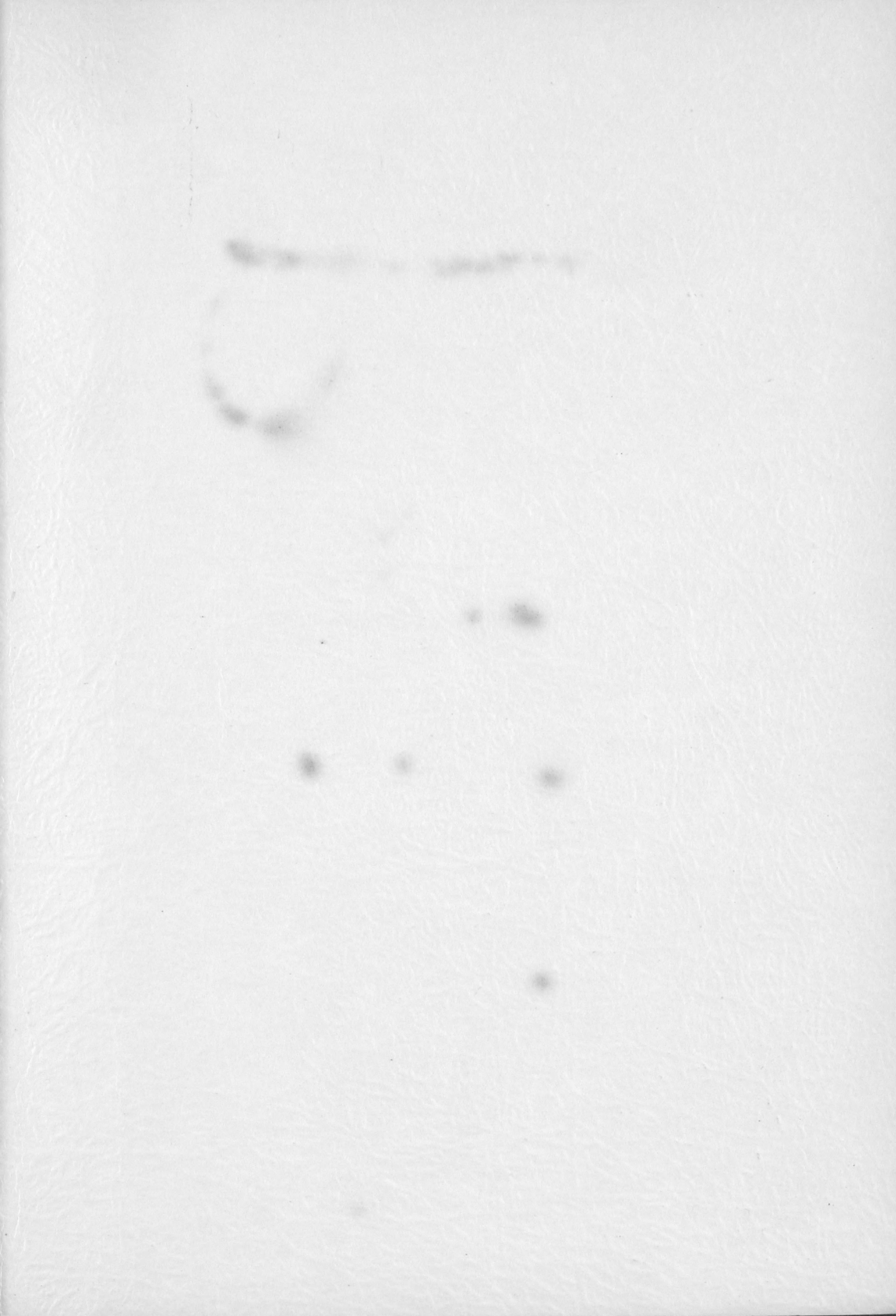
While Avonhurst-Donamar was served from McLean (1931-42), these two points would be served one Sunday, with Fairview-Bethel being served on the alternate Sunday, and McLean having services each Sunday. It was while going to conduct the service at Donamar one Sunday in 1935 that the Rev. J. M. McLaren, aged 70, suffered a fatal stroke.



Husbands of members at the windup of the U.C.W.
May 10, 1969.

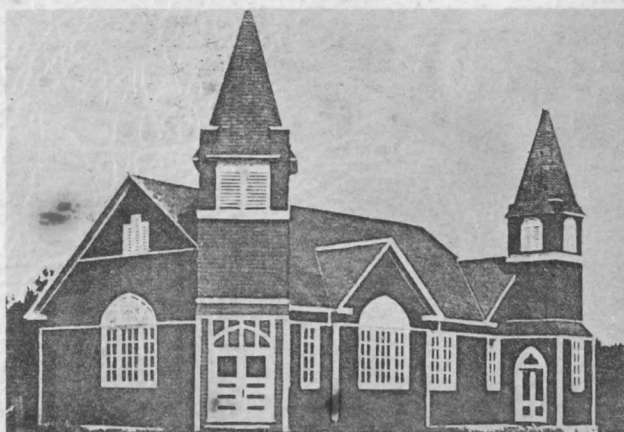


Avonhurst church Harvest Sunday — 1949





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